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The *Supreme Court* of North-Carolina is held in this city semi-annually, on the second Monday in June, and the 30th day of December.
Judges.—Hon. Frederick Nash, Chief Justice,
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W. H. Battle, " "
Edmund B. Freeman, Clerk.
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1. *John M. Wood, K. N.,* 4. *Samuel P. Benson,*
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3. *Ebenezer Knowlton, K. N.,* 6. Thomas J. D. Fuller, D.

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1. *James Pike, K. N.,* 2. *Mason W. Tappan, K. N.,*
3. *Aaron H. Cragin, K. N.*

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1. *James Meacham,* 2. *Justin S. Morrill, K. N.,*
3. *Aleah Sabin.*

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Robert B. Hall, K. N., 6. *Timothy Davis, K. N.,*
James Buffington, K. N., 7. *Nathaniel P. Banks, K.N.,*
William S. Damrell, K.N., 8. *Chauncey L. Knapp, K.N.,*
Linus B. Comins, K. N., 9. *Alexander De Witt, K.N.,*
Anson Burlingame, K.N., 10. *Calvin C. Chaffee, K. N.,*
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1. *Nathaniel B. Durfee, K. N.* 2. *Benj. B. Thurston, K. N.,*

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1. *Ezra Clarke, K. N.,* 3. *Sidney Dean, K. N.,*
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1. William W. Valk, K. N., 17. *Francis E. Spinner,*
2. *J. S. Stranahan, K. N.,* 18. *Thomas R. Horton,*
3. *Guy R. Pelton, K. N.,* 19. *Jona. A. Hughston,*
4. John Kelly, D., 20. *Orasmus B. Matteson, KN*
5. Thos. R. Whitney, K. N 21. *Henry Bennett, K. N.*
6. John Wheeler, K. N., 22. *Andrew Z. McCarty, KN.,*
7. *Thomas Childs, K. N.,* 23. *William A. Gilbert,*
8. *Abram Wakeman, K. N.,* 24. *Amos P. Granger,*
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10. *Ambrose S. Murray,* 26. *Andrew Oliver,*
11. *Rufus H. King, K. N.,* 27. *John M. Parker,*
12. *Killian Miller, K. N.,* 28. *William H. Kelsey,*
13. *Russel Sage, K. N.,* 29. *John Williams, D.,*
14. *Samuel Dickson,* 30. *Benjamin Pringle,*
15. *Edward Dodd, K. N.,* 31. *Thomas T. Flagler, K. N.,*
16. *George A. Simmins,* 32. Solomon G. Haven, K.N.,
33. *Francis S. Edsorda, K. N.*

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Isaiah D. Clawson, K. N., 3. *James Bishop, K. N.,*
George R. Robbins, K. N., 4. George Vail, D.,
5. *Alex. C. M. Pennington, K. N.*

Pennsylvania.
1. Thomas B. Florence, D., 13. Asa Packer, D.,
2. *Job R. Tyson, K. N.,* 14. *Gulusha A. Grow, K. N.,*
3. William Milly ard, K. N., 15. *John J. Pearce, K. N.,*
4. Jacob Broom, K. N., 16. *Lemuel Todd, K. N.,*
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19 [illegible]ry M. Fuller, K. N. 24. David Barclay, D.,
25. *John Dick, K. N.*

Delaware.
1. Elisha D. Cullen, K. N.

Maryland.
1. James A. Stewart, D., 4. H. W. Davis, K. N.,
2. J. B. Ricaud, K. N., 5. H. W. Hoffman, K. N.,
3. J. M. Harris, K. N., 6. *T. F. Bowie, D.

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2. John S. Millson, D., 8. Chas. J. Faulkner, D.,
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2. Thomas Ruffin, D., 6. R. C. Purrear, K. N.,
3. Warren Winslow, D., 7. Burton Craige, D.,
4. L. O'B. Branch, D., 8. T. L. Clingman, D.

South Carolina.
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2. William Aiken, D., 5. James L. Orr, D.,
3. Lawrence M. Keitt, D., 6. Wm. W. Boyce, D.

Georgia.
1. James L. Seward, D., 5. John H. Lumpkin, D.,
2. M. J. Crawford, D., 6. Howell Cobb, D.,
3. Robert P. Trippe, K. N., 7. N. G. Foster, K. N.,
4. Hiram Warner, D., 8. Alex. H. Stephens, D.

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1. Percy Walker, K. N., 4. William R. Smith, K. N.,
2. Eli S. Shorter, D., 5. George S. Houston, D.,
3. James F. Dowdell, D., 6. W. R. W. Cobb, D.,
7. Sampson W. Harris, D.

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1. Daniel B. Wright, D., 3. William Barksdale, D.,
2. Hendley S. Bennett, D., 4. William A. Lake, K. N.,
5. John A. Quitman, D.

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2. Miles Taylor, D., 4. John M. Sandige, D.

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2. J. S. Harrison, K. N., 12. *Samuel Galloway, K. N.,*
3. *L. D. Campbell, K. N.,* 13. *John Sherman, K. N.,*
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5. *Richard Mott,* 15. *Wm. R. Sapp, K. N.,*
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9. *C. K. Watson, K. N.,* 19. *Edward Wade,*
10. Oscar F. Moore, K. N., 20. *Joshua R. Giddings,*
21. *John A. Bingham, K. N.,*

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1. Henry C. Burnett, D., 6. John M. Elliott, D.,
2. J. P. Campbell, K. N., 7. H. Marshall, K. N.,
3. W. L. Underwood, K. N., 8. A. K. Marshall, K. N.,
4. *Albert G. Talbott, D., 9. Leander M. Cox, K. N.,
5. Joshua H. Jewett, D., 10 Samuel F. Swope, K. N.

Tennessee.
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2. Wm. H. Sneed, K. N., 7. John V. Wright, D.,
3. Samuel A. Smith, D., 8. F. K. Zollicoffer, K. N.,
4. John H. Savage, D., 9. E. Etheridge, K. N.,
5. Charles Ready, K. N., 10. Thomas Rivers, K. N.

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1. Smith Miller, D., 6. *Lucian Barbour, K. N.,*
2. Wm. H. English, D., 7. H. D. Scott, K. N.,
3. George G. Dunn, 8. *Daniel Mace, K. N.,*
4. *Wm. Cumback, K. N.,* 9. *Schuyler Colfax, K. N.,*
5. *D. P. Holloway, K. N.,* 10. *Samuel Brenton,*
11. *John U. Pettit.*

Illinois.
1. *Elihu B. Washburne,* 5. Wm. A. Richardson, D.,
2. *James H. Woodworth,* 6. Thomas L. Harris, D.,
3. *Jesse O. Norton, K. N.,* 7. James C. Allen, D.,
4. *James Knox, K. N.,* 8. Samuel S. Marshall, D.

Missouri.
1. Luther M. Kennett, K. N., 4. *Mordecai Oliver, D.,
2. §Gilchrist Porter, 5. John G. Miller,
3. James J. Lindley, K. N., 6. John S. Phelps, D.,
7. *Samuel Caruthers, D.

Arkansas.
1. Alfred B. Greenwood., 2. Albert Rust, D.

Michigan.
1. *Wm. A. Howard, K. N.,* 3. *D. S. Walbridge, K. N.,*
2. *Henry Waldron, K. N.,* 4. George W. Peck, D.

Florida.
1. Augustus E. Maxwell, D.

Texas.
1. Lemuel D. Evans, K. N., 2. P. H. Bell, D.

Iowa.
1. Augustus Hall, D., 2. *James Thorington, K. N.*

Wisconsin.
1. Daniel Wells, D., 2. *C. C. Washburne,*
3. *Chas. Billinghurst.*

California.
1. James W. Denver, D., 2. Philip T. Herbert, D.

* formerly whigs.
† voting for James L. Orr.
‡ whigs voting for Pennington.
§ whig voting for Fuller, of Pennsylvania.
Those in italics are "republicans."
Those marked K. N. are know-nothings.

RECAPITULATION.

Know-nothings and republicans voting for Banks	110
Republican know-nothings voting against Banks	8
National know-nothings voting for Fuller	35
Democrats voting for Richardson and Orr	80

Mr. Miller, of Missouri, and Mr. Childs, of New York, absent since the beginning of the session; Mr. Trumbull's seat vacant. A number of times within the last four weeks the number recorded above as having voted for Mr. Banks could have elected him; and if to these are added the republican know-nothings who vote for Mr. Pennington, it would give to the side of the House supporting Mr. Banks a clear majority of the whole number, even with an unusual attendance.

This list has been prepared with great care, and is believed to be accurate. If any gentleman is erroneously classed it will give us pleasure to make the correction. *Wash. Union.*

AMERICAN PATENT DRYER.—WE HAVE just received a very large supply of the American Dryer, which is far preferable to Litharge and other dryers heretofore used, and much cheaper.
PESCUD & GATLING.

Opposite the Masonic Lodge.
MAY BE FOUND COFFEE, SUGAR, ADMANTINE and Tallow Candles, Nails of all sizes for common use, Crockery and tin ware, of all sizes and shapes, snuff and Tobacco and Cigars, Meal and Flour, Corn and Peas, and Shoes, and a small assortment of Dry Goods, and Candles, and many other things commonly found in a grocery; all of which will be sold Cheap for cash or Country Produce; for which the highest market prices will be paid.
W. W. WOODEL.
April 26, 1856. 45—.

LEWIS' PURE LEAD.—A LARGE SUPPLY Lewis' Pure Lead, just received and for sale by
PESCUD & GATLING.
March 13, 1856. 33—

INSANE ASYLUM.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FORTY ADDITIONAL PATIENTS can now be received in the Asylum.
Applications can be made to the Physician and Superintendent,
EDW'D C. FISHER.
Raleigh, April 4th, 1856. 41—tf.

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF SENNA FIGS, FOR costiveness, sick headache, &c., just received at the Drug Store of
WILLIAMS & HAYWOOD.

INSANE ASYLUM.—ORDERED BY THE BOARD of Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum that hereafter those persons who desire to visit this Institution must do so on Thursday of every week only. Visitors on any other day will not be able to gain admittance into the Institution unless provided with a written permission from one of the Commissioners or from the attending Physician. It is also directed by the Commissioners that all persons should abstain from walking or riding, either for pleasure or exercise, through the Asylum grounds or around the Asylum buildings, as such things are sources of annoyance and distraction to the patients of the Institution.
Raleigh, July 17, 1856. 68—swtf.

NEW BOOKS.—ENGLISH TRAITS BY RALPH Wald Emerson.
The Last of the Forester's, by Jno. Estor Cook, author of Virginia Comedeans.
The Life and Adventures of James P. Beckwourth.
Irving's life of Washington, vol. 1 and 2, 12mo.
The Baked Head and other stories, being No. 2, modern story teller.
For sale by
W. L. POMEROY.
September 15, 1856. 86—

150 COPIES OF HARPER FOR OCTOBER just received at
POMEROY'S.
September 20, 1856. 87—

SPLENDID CIGARS.—50,000 CIGARS OF VARIOUS brands in store, and for sale very low at wholesale and retail.
If you want a good cigar at a small price be sure to give us a call.
PESCUD & GATLING.

POT ASH.—1000 POUNDS POT ASH FOR SALE low by
PESCUD & GATLING.
March 17, 1856. 34—

FOR SPRING TRADE!!
SALE AND RETAIL.—We respectfully inform our friends and the public that we have in store a large and most excellent *Stock of Leather and Findings*, for the Spring Trade, which we will sell as low as any other establishment South of New York, and for less price than they can be had even there, expenses of travelling, freight, &c., considered.
All of our purchases having been made from the Importers and Manufacturers by the whole case or package, and the advantage of receiving Leather regularly from our own Tannery, places it in our power to sell Goods as above stated. Those who wish to buy cannot lose by giving our stock an examination, and we believe we shall be able to please, both as to price and quality. Below we enumerate some of the leading articles viz:
20 dozen of Crawford's Calf Skins (this maker had the premium awarded to him at the World's Fair held in London in 1851.)
40 dozen French Skins, best quality,
40 " American Calf Skins,
90 " Lining and Binding Skins,
10 " Morocco Skins,
800 Sides Oak Tanned and Hemlock Sole Leather,
50 " Band Leather,
Lasts, Boot-Trees, Shoe and Boot Maker's Tools of every kind, Tanner's and Currier's Tools.
Also, Sewed Brogans of our own manufacture, warranted to give satisfaction, and many other articles too numerous to mention, at No. 21, Old street, opposite B. P. Harrison's Saddlery.
F. A. & R. H. FORD.
N. B. We pay the highest price in cash for Green and Dried Hides delivered to us at our Store.
Petersburg, May 5, 1852. tf.

R. DOBBIN,
Boot and Shoe Maker,
HAS REMOVED HIS SHOP TO THE HOUSE FORmerly occupied by Mrs. Hardie as a confectionary, on Fayetteville street, opposite the Market House, where he is now prepared to execute all orders in his line of business. He has on hand a stock of excellent leather, and will warrant all work done by him. He returns his thanks for past favors, and will endeavor to merit a continuance of them.
☞ Remember the old stand of Mrs. Hardie.
Raleigh, Jan. 7, 1856. 8—tf.

BLANK LAND DEEDS, OF THE LATEST AND most approved form, just printed, and for sale at the "Standard" office.
Also Writs, Subpoenas, Warrants, and a variety of other blanks.
Aug. 25, 1855. 79—

NOTICE.—Was taken up and committed to Jail, in the County of Nash, on June 25th, 1854, a negro man, who says his name is TOM, and belongs to the heirs of Billy Fosters', deceased. Tom, from his appearance seems to be about twenty-five years of age, black complexion, and has more than an ordinary space between two of his under teeth. The owner is requested to come forward, pay prison charges and take him away, or he will be disposed of according to law.
A. R. BAINES,
Aug. 1—wtf. Sheriff.

FIRST PREMIUM!—SMUT AND SCREENING MACHINE, YOUNG'S PATENT. IMPORTANT TO MILLERS AND MILL OWNERS.—This Machine received the first premium at the North Carolina State Fair, and was recommended to the public as the *best* now in use in the State. Seven hundred of them are now running in North Carolina, all of which are now in operation and have given the most entire satisfaction, in regard both to performance and durability, some having run six years and perform as well now as they did at first, and have not been out of order one day. We have thrown out ten different Smut Machines to make room for this. They are warranted for five years and delivered at the Mill any where in the State.
Manufactured and sold by
JNO. A. McMANNAY,
South Lowell, Orange County, N. C.
April 16, 1854. 41—tf
☞ Cut this advertisement out and keep it.

NOTICE.—THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO sell 1000 acres of land, in Johnston County, near Leachburg. There will be a credit given of one, two, and three years, purchaser giving bond with good security.
A. J. LEACH.
Leachburg, April 28, 1856. 46—swtf.

Book Binding.
JOHN H. DeCARTERET & SON.
RALEIGH, N. C.
ARE STILL CARRYING ON THE BOOK BINDING business in all its branches at the old stand over "Turner's N. C. Bookstore."
Their increased facilities will enable them to execute the binding of Periodicals, Newspapers, Music, &c., with promptness and dispatch, at New York prices.
Books sent to them from any part of the State, with directions, will be bound in any style desired, boxed and sent back without delay. Address
JNO. H. DeCARTERET & SON,
Raleigh, N. C.
April 25, 1856. 45—tf.

CHEWING TOBACCO.—THOSE WHO ARE fond of the *weed*, and have not chewed our Tobacco, are missing a great *treat*. It is generally believed we have the best in town. Call and try a quid at
PESCUD & GATLING'S.

SEGARS & TOBACCO—of the finest quality always on hand at the Drug Store of
WILLIAMS & HAYWOOD.
Raleigh, N. C., April 18th, 1856. 41—

INSANE ASYLUM.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APARTments are now ready for the reception of 40 patients, in the Asylum.
Those who have charge of the insane, and desire to place them in the institution, will apply to the Physician and Superintendent, E. C. Fisher, at Raleigh, before bringing the patient to the institution.
The Board of Directors refer to the 6th chapter, 17th section (page 86) of Revised Code, for the legal requirements necessary to be complied with, in order to ensure admission of State (or indigent) patients.
For the admission of paying patients, reference is made to 20th section of same chapter, page 88, of Revised Code.
As all State patients are required to undergo examination as to their insanity, previous to admission, such examination will be held at Raleigh, where some of the members of the Board are to be found.
The Sheriffs of the several Counties will please notice the requirements of the 14th section of the 6th chapter, in relation to their duties as connected with the law.
It is expected that apartments for a large number of patients will be finished in the course of a few weeks, as the work upon them is now being prosecuted as rapidly as circumstances will admit. Notice of their readiness will be given through the public press.
CHAS. L. HINTON,
G. W. MORDECAI,
THOS. D. HOGG,
Ex. Committee of Board of Directors.
Raleigh, March 1, 1856. 30—tf.

THOMAS S. GILLIAM,
Iron, Steel, and Metal Warehouse, No. 21, Bollingbrook St.
PETERSBURG, VA.
I HAVE ESTABLISED MYSELF FOR THE TRANSaction of a General Iron, Steel, and Metal Business, and invite the attention of Virginia and North-Carolina Merchants visiting this market, to an examination of my large and varied assortment; my arrangements being such as will enable me to sell at the lowest rates. Railroads, Machinists, Blacksmiths, and the Trade generally, will find it to their interest to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.
Orders thankfully received and promptly attended to.
THOMAS S. GILLIAM.
Sept. 5, 1856. 83—sw3m.

TAKE WARNING.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING HIS STORE the subscriber has removed three doors South of his old location, to the building formerly occupied by Mr. Primrose, and at present by Messrs. Booker & Cole, in connection with himself, where he would be pleased to wait upon his friends and patrons.
In view of placing an entire new stock in store for the coming season, he offers his present stock of goods, consisting of Cloths, Cassimers, Vestings, Clothing and furnishing goods of every variety and style, at *prime cost for cash*, or a small advance to punctual customers.
He most earnestly requests those indebted to him, (some of whom seem to forget he has any use for money,) to come forward and settle their notes and accounts before another Court arrives, and oblige
ISAAC PROCTOR,
Merchant Tailor.
Raleigh, July 24, 1856. 71—swtf.

LAND FOR SALE.—I OFFER FOR SALE MY valuable tract of land, lying in Wake county, about eleven miles West of Raleigh, near the N. C. Railroad, and containing 775 acres, about one half of which is pine land and the other half oak land. It is all well timbered, and there is a good opening for a steam saw mill. The pine land will produce large quantities of turpentine. The soil is well adapted to the growth of corn, cotton, &c.
If not previously disposed of at private sale, I shall sell the above land at auction, at the Court House door, in Raleigh, on Monday, the 17th of November, it being the week of Wake County Court. The land will be sold in a body, or divided to suit purchasers. Terms made easy.
W. G. STRICKLAND.
Nov. 1, 1856. 99—swtd.

Mayor's Office,
RALEIGH, Sept. 9th, 1856.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APPLICAtion will be made to the next General Assembly, for an Amendment to the Charter of the City of Raleigh.
WM. DALLAS HAYWOOD, Mayor.
84—swom.

GREENSBOROUGH MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY. This Company offers inducements to those wishing to effect Insurances for life, rarely presented by similar institutions.
Those who take Policies of Insurance for Life, and those only, are *Members of the Company*—entitled to such profits as may be realized from an accumulated Premium Fund, and from the large amount of Deposits in the Trust Departments of the Company, which are kept actively employed.
Policies of Insurance issued on the applicants' own life, or on the lives of slaves, for a year, or term of years, at a moderate rate of premium.
Deposits of money received in the Trust Department—the operation of which is that of a *Saving's Bank*—and the depositors allowed interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for any time not exceeding four months; 4 per cent. over four and not exceeding six months; and 5 per cent. for any time over six months.
Pamphlets containing full and particular information forwarded to any required address.
D. P. WEIR, *Sec. & Treas.*
Greensborough, N. C. September 1, 1854. 87—ly.

REVISED CODE, PRICE $4 00. POSTAGE when sent by mail 45 cents. For sale by
W. L. POMEROY.
Also, the Revised Code interleaved. A few copies only in this form remaining. $5 50.
W. L. P. keeps also constantly on hand Jones' Digest, Eaton's Forms, Iredell on Executors, and Law Books generally, particularly those required to be read for County and Superior Court License.
January 17, 1856. 17—

CARROLL HOUSE,
CHESTERVILLE, S. C.
THAT LARGE AND SPLENDID THREE STORY Building on the east side of Chester Depot, is now open for the accommodation of persons travelling by the Cars, or otherwise. The Proprietor is well aware, that nothing short of a well-kept house, will induce custom to this so recently gotten up; and although very solicitous of patronage, he refrains from those thousand and one promises which have been made, only to be broken by many of his "illustrious predecessors."
He confidently hopes, that he will be sustained, and upon trial give that satisfaction and accomodation to the wearied traveller, that will send him on his way rejoicing.
J. L. CARROLL.
Feb. 23, 1856. 29—tf.

TAKEN UP AND COMMITTED TO THE JAIL OF Person County, on Sunday the 6th instant, a runaway negro who says he is free, but cannot show any evidence of the fact, and that his name is William Mayo, and that he was raised about Greenville, Virginia. Said negro is about twenty-one years old, of a bright ginger-cake color, five feet eight inches high, with small feet and hands; had on, when taken up, white pants, bombazine coat, and a striped cotton vest, all badly worn. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.
JOHN C. WILEY, *Jailor.*
Roxboro', Jan. 10, 1856. 20—tf.

LAMP OIL.—A GOOD SUPPLY JUST TO HAND and for sale by
PESCUD & GATLING.
March 17, 1856. 34—

WHITE LEAD AND OIL.—WE OFFER FOR sale, at low rates,
10,000 pounds White Lead of various brands,
500 gallons Linseed Oil,
200 " Spts. Turpentine,
100 " Copal and Japan Varnish,
100 " Cotton Seed Oil,
500 lbs. Venetian Red,
500 " Spanish Brown,
300 " Litharge,
200 " Pa. Black,
200 " Tera de Sceina,
200 " Umber,
500 " Yellow Ochre,
100 " Vandyke Brown,
And a large stock of all the usual kinds of paint used here. Our stock is replenished from week to week to supply the demand, and our prices compare favorably with those charged in Petersburg, Norfolk and Wilmington.
PESCUD & GATLING.
March 17, 1856. 34—

RALEIGH & GASTON RAILROAD.
Raleigh & Gaston R. R. Office,
RALEIGH, February 8, 1856.
AS THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD IS NOW completed to Charlotte, notice is hereby given that goods or produce brought down that Road, intended for transportation over the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, will be received by this Company at the North Carolina Railroad Depot in Raleigh (owned jointly by the two Companies) and will be transported thence without delay or extra charge, and goods designed for the western merchants and others along that Road, will likewise be delivered at the same point.
All dues for freight must be paid at Petersburg or Portsmouth, except on way freight, which must be paid in advance or on delivery of the goods.
Every effort will be made by the officers and agents of the Company to give satisfaction in the transportation of goods and produce.
Owners and shippers of goods are requested to have them distinctly marked, so that their destination may be known.
R. A. HAMILTON, President.
23—tf.

FOR THE SICK.—RICE FLOUR, FARINA, CORN Starch, Tapioca Sago, Arrow Root, and Gelaline, in store and for sale by
WILLIAMS & HAYWOOD.

CANTWELL'S JUSTICE—THE NORTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATE. This is an improvement upon and designed to take the place of Swaim's Justice. Price $3 50—postage 36 cents. For sale by
W. L. POMEROY.
August 29, 1856. 81—

RICHMOND IN BY-GONE DAYS; BEING REMINISCENCES OF An Old Citizen.
Extract of a letter from Washington Irving, Esq., to the author of "Richmond in By-Gone Days," dated July 1856:
"Your little volume was particularly acceptable to me. "Richmond in by-gone days" was Richmond as I knew it in the days of my youth, nearly fifty years since. Every page of your volume brought up some delightful recollection of scenes, and characters, long since passed away; for at Richmond at the time of my exit, there was a rare assemblage of the talent and beauty of Virginia, and the impressions I received then have ever made "the Old Dominion dear to me."
This book is for sale by
HENRY D. TURNER,
N. C. Bookstore.
Raleigh, Sept. 23, 1856. 88—

SPECIAL TERM.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WAKE COUNTY.—Superior Court of Law and Equity, Fall Term, 1856.
Ordered by his Honor, Judge Saunders, that a Special Term of this Court be held for the county of Wake aforesaid, at the Court House in Raleigh on the second Monday of January next, and that the Clerk give notice thereof. The Officers of said Court, and Suitors and Witnesses in Civil Causes only, are required to attend accordingly.
Witness, John C. Moore, Clerk of said Court, at Office in Raleigh, this 8th day of October, 1856.
JOHN C. MOORE, C. S. C.
Raleigh, Oct. 13, 1856. 94—tf.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.
PURSUANT TO A DECRETAL ORDER OF THE Supreme Court, will be offered at public auction on the premises, on the 28th day of November next, the land in the City of Raleigh, known in the plan of said City as part of lot No. 146, on which Mrs. Hannah Stewart formerly resided, situated on Fayetteville and Wilmington streets.—The lot will be divided into five equal parts, each having about 30 feet on Fayetteville street and extending back to Wilmington street. The sum of $3,532 60, to be assessed in equal sums from the purchaser of each lot, will be required to be paid in cash, and the residue of the purchase money, bonds, with interest from date, payable in six months with two good sureties.
E. B. FREEMAN, Clerk.
October 2, 1856. 91—td.

Fencing Academy.
FENCING, THE BEST GYMNASTIC EXERCISE both for men and youths. The subscriber begs leave to inform the public generally that he will open his Salle d'Armes for the ensuing season, where he will give instructions in the art of FENCING, with the small-Sword, the Sabre, the Bayonet or Lance, over K. R. WEATHER'S STORE, at old Temperance Hall, Raleigh, N. C.
This graceful, healthful, and useful art has been thoroughly mastered by the subscriber, who was a pupil in one of the celebrated Military Academies in Europe, and he feels confident that those who patronize his Salle de Armes will always rejoice that they seized the opportunity of becoming acquainted with an accomplishment so elegant, and exercise so conducive to sound and vigorous health, and a means of self-defence so free from the objections urged against other arts practiced with the same view. Where is there a person who can say that under the present circumstances, the knowledge of using weapons is unnecessary? A nation well exercised with weapons is the support—the pride of the country.
Further particulars, as also the best of references, can be obtained by calling at the Bookstore of Mr. W. L. Pomeroy.
The undersigned will commence as soon as he has twelve scholars. Please give your names to Mr. W. L. Pomeroy.
At the request of the pupils no spectators shall be admitted during the hours of private instruction.
ED. DuREU.
October 18, 1856. 94—tf.

GREENSBOROUGH MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. At the end of Three Years, such has been the care and economy of the officers of this Company, that we are still free from debt; have made no assessments and have now such a large Capital in cash and notes, that we have no hesitation in saying to the public, that there is no safer Company in the Southern Country. The most of the Risks in this Company being in the Western part of the State, where the danger from fire is much less.
At the last annual Meeting the following officers were re-elected.
JAMES SLOAN, President
S. G. COFFIN, Vice President.
C. P. MENDENHALL, Attorney.
PETER ADAMS, Sec'y & Treasurer.
W. H. CUMMING, Gen. Agent.
DIRECTORS.—Jas Sloan, Dr. J. A. Mebane, C. P. Mendenhall, Wm. S. Ragan, Rev. C. F. Deems, James M. Garret, Jed H. Lindsay, W. McConnel, E. W. Ogburn, J. L. Cole, D. P. Weir, Greensborough; R. F. Lilly, Wadesborough, Dr. S. G. Coffin, Jas. [illegible]ugh; Joshua Tavloe, Washington; Wm. A. Wright, Wilmington; John I. Shaver, Salisbury; John H. Cooke, Fayetteville; H. G. Spruill, Plymouth; Robert E. Troy, Lumberton; Dr. R. H. Scales, Lenox Castle.
All communications should be directed to the Secretary free of Postage.
PETER ADAMS Sec'y.
August 6, 1854. 75—tf

IRVING'S WASHINGTON, VOL. III. READY for delivery to subscribers, at
POMEROY'S.
June 26, 1856. 83—tf.

PERFUMERY AND SOAPS.—PESCUD & GATLING'S Drug Store is the place to get the most fragrant Perfumery and Emolient Soaps of every variety for a little money.

ORANGE HOTEL.—THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVING purchased the above Hotel of R. Nichols, Esq., are now repairing and refurnishing, and will speedily have it completed in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all, even the most fastidious. They intend it for a first class House. Its situation being on King street, which is the principal thoroughfare to and from the Depot of the N. C. Railroad, and by far the handsomest street in the town, offers inducements to the visitors and sojourner which cannot be found elsewhere in the place. Our rooms, table and stables will accommodate both man and horse, with the most comfortable home.
We shall keep no bar.
Families and persons wishing to spend the Summer in this delightful country, will find rooms especially adapted to their convenience.
We hope to receive what we are determined to merit, a liberal share of patronage.
H. C. STROUD & CO.
Hillsboro', N. C., June 20, 1856. 61—swtf.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.
THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY HAVING made arrangements with the Raleigh & Gaston Rail Road Company

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Constitution requires that the President shall, from time to time, not only recommend to the consideration of Congress such measures as he may judge necessary and expedient, but also that he shall give information to them of the state of the Union. To do this fully involves exposition of all matters in the actual condition of the country, domestic or foreign, which essentially concern the general welfare. While performing his constitutional duty in this respect, the President does not speak merely to express personal convictions, but as the executive minister of the government, enabled by his position, and called upon by his official obligations, to scan with an impartial eye the interests of the whole, and of every part of the United States.

Of the condition of the domestic interests of the Union, its agriculture, mines, manufactures, navigation, and commerce, it is necessary only to say that the internal prosperity of the country, its continuous and steady advancement in wealth and population, and in private as well as public well-being, attest the wisdom of our institutions, and the predominant spirit of intelligence and patriotism, which notwithstanding occasional irregularities of opinion or action resulting from popular freedom, has distinguished and characterised the people of America.

In the brief interval between the termination of the last and the commencement of the present session of Congress, the public mind has been occupied with the care of selecting, for another constitutional term, the President and Vice-President of the United States.

The determination of the persons, who are of right, or contingently, to preside over the administration of the government, is, under our system, committed to the States and the people. We appeal to them, by their voice pronounced in the forms of law, to call whomsoever they will to the high post of Chief Magistrate.

And thus it is that as the senators represent the respective States of the Union, and the members of the House of Representatives the several constituencies of each State, so the President represents the aggregate population of the United States. Their election of him is the explicit and solemn act of the sole sovereign authority of the Union.

It is impossible to misapprehend the great principles, which, by their recent political action, the people of the United States have sanctioned and announced.

They have asserted the constitutional equality of each and all of the States of the Union as States; they have affirmed the constitutional equality of each and all of the citizens of the United States as citizens, whatever their religion, wherever their birth, or their residence; they have maintained the inviolability of the constitutional rights of the different sections of the Union; and they have proclaimed their devoted and unalterable attachment to the Union and to the constitution, as objects of interest superior to all subjects of local or sectional controversy, as the safeguard of the rights of all, as the spirit and the essence of the liberty, peace and greatness of the Republic.

In doing this, they have, at the same time, emphatically condemned the idea of organizing in these United States mere geographical parties; of marshalling in hostile array towards each other the different parts of the country, North or South, East or West.

Schemes of this nature, fraught with incalculable mischief, and which the considerate sense of the people has rejected, could have had countenance in no part of the country, had they not been disguised by suggestions plausible in appearance, acting upon an excited state of the public mind, induced by causes temporary in their character, and it is to be hoped transient in their influence.

Perfect liberty of association for political objects, and the widest scope of discussion, are the received and ordinary conditions of government in our country. Our institutions, framed in the spirit of confidence in the intelligence and integrity of the people, do not forbid citizens either individually or associated together, to attack by writing, speech, or any other methods short of physical force, the Constitution and the very existence of the Union. Under the shelter of this great liberty, and protected by the laws and usages of the government they assail, associations have been formed, in some of the States, of individuals, who, pretending to seek only to prevent the spread of the institution of slavery into the present or future inchoate States of the Union, are really inflamed with desire to change the domestic institutions of existing States. To accomplish their objects, they dedicate themselves to the odious task of depreciating the government organization which stands in their way, and of calumniating, with indiscriminate invective, not only the citizens of particular States, with whose laws they find fault, but all others of their fellow-citizens throughout the country, who do not participate with them in their assaults upon the Constitution, framed and adopted by our fathers, and claiming for the privileges it has secured, and the blessings it has conferred, the steady support and grateful reverence of their children. They seek an object which they well know to be a revolutionary one. They are perfectly aware that the change in the relative condition of the white and black races in the slaveholding States, which they would promote, is beyond their lawful authority; that to them it is a foreign object; that it cannot be effected by any peaceful instrumentality of theirs; that for them, and the States of which they are citizens, the only path to its accomplishment is through burning cities, and ravaged fields, and slaughtered populations, and all there is most terrible in foreign, complicated with civil and servile war; and that the first step in the attempt is the forcible disruption of a country embracing in its broad bosom a degree of liberty, and an amount of individual and public prosperity, to which there is no parallel in history, and substituting in its place hostile governments, driven at once and inevitably into mutual devastation and fratricidal carnage, transforming the now peaceful and felicitous brotherhood into a vast permanent camp of armed men like the rival monarchies of Europe and Asia. Well knowing that such, and such only, are the means and the consequences of their plans and purposes, they endeavor to prepare the people of the United States for civil war by doing everything in their power to deprive the Constitution and the laws of moral authority, and to undermine the fabric of the Union by appeals to passion and sectional prejudice, by indoctrinating its people with reciprocal hatred, and by educating them to stand face to face as enemies, rather than shoulder to shoulder as friends.

It is by the agency of such unwarrantable interference, foreign and domestic, that the minds of many, otherwise good citizens, have been so inflamed into the passionate condemnation of the domestic institutions of the southern States, as at length to pass insensibly to almost equally passionate hostility towards their fellow-citizens of those States, and thus finally to fall into temporary fellowship with the avowed and active enemies of the Constitution. Ardently attached to liberty in the abstract, they do not stop to consider practically how the objects they would attain can be accomplished, nor to reflect that, even if the evil were as great as they deem it, they have no remedy to apply, and that it can be only aggravated by their violence and unconstitutional action. A question, which is one of the most difficult of all the problems of social institution, political economy and statesmanship, they treat with unreasoning intemperance of thought and language. Extremes beget extremes. Violent attack from the North finds its inevitable consequence in the growth of a spirit of angry defiance at the South. Thus in the progress of events we had reached that consummation, which the voice of the people has now so pointedly rebuked of the attempt, of a portion of the States, by a sectional organization and movement, to usurp the control of the government of the United States.

I confidently believe that the great body of those who inconsiderately took this fatal step, are sincerely attached to the Constitution and the Union. They would, upon deliberation, shrink with unaffected horror from any conscious act of disunion or civil war. But they have entered into a path which leads nowhere unless it be to civil war and disunion, and which has no other possible outlet. They have proceeded thus far in that direction in consequence of the successive stages of their progress having consisted of a series of secondary issues, each of which professed to be confined within constitutional and peaceful limits, but which attempted indirectly what few men were willing to do directly, that is, to act aggressively against the constitutional rights of nearly one half of the thirty-one States.

In the long series of acts of indirect aggression, the first was the strenuous agitation, by citizens of the Northern States, in Congress and out of it, of the question of negro emancipation in the Southern States.

The second step in this path of evil consisted of acts of the people of the Northern States, and in several instances, of their governments, aimed to facilitate the escape of persons held to service in the Southern States, and to prevent their extradition when reclaimed according to law and in virtue of express provisions of the Constitution. To promote this object, legislative enactments and other means were adopted to take away or defeat rights, which the Constitution solemnly guarantied. In order to nullify the then existing act of Congress concerning the extradition of fugitives from service, laws were enacted in many States forbidding their officers, under the severest penalties, to participate in the execution of any act of Congress whatever. In this way that system of harmonious co-operation between the authorities of the United States and of the several States, for the maintenance of their common institutions which existed in the early years of the Republic, was destroyed; conflicts of jurisdiction came to be frequent, and Congress found itself compelled, for the support of the Constitution and the vindication of its power, to authorize the appointment of new officers charged with the execution of its acts, as if they and the officers of the States were the ministers, respectively, of foreign governments in a state of mutual hostility rather than the fellow magistrates of a common country, peacefully subsisting under the protection of one well-constituted Union. Thus here, also, aggression was followed by reaction, and the attacks upon the Constitution at this point did but serve to raise up new barriers for its defence and security.

The third stage of this unhappy sectional controversy was in connexion with the organization of territorial governments, and the admission of new States into the Union. When it was proposed to admit the State of Maine, by separation of territory from that of Massachusetts, and the State of Missouri, formed of a portion of the territory ceded by France to the United States, representatives in Congress objected to the admission of the latter, unless with conditions suited to particular views of public policy. The imposition of such a condition was successfully resisted. But, at the same period, the question was presented of imposing restrictions upon the residue of the territory ceded by France.—That question was, for the time, disposed of by the adoption of a geographical line of limitation.

In this connexion it should not be forgotten that France, of her own accord, resolved, for considerations of the most far-sighted sagacity, to cede Louisiana to the United States, and that accession was accepted by the United States, the latter expressly engaging that "the inhabitants of the ceded territory shall be incorporated in the Union of the United States, and admitted as soon as possible, according to the principles of the Federal Constitution, to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States; and in the meantime they shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their *liberty, property*, and the religion which they profess"—that is to say, while it remains in a territorial condition, its inhabitants are maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty and property, with a right then to pass into the condition of States on a footing of perfect equality with the original States.

The enactment, which established the restrictive geographical line, was acquiesced in rather than approved by the States of the Union. It stood on the statute-book, however, for a number of years; and the people of the respective States acquiesced in the re-enactment of the principle as applied to the State of Texas; and it was proposed to acquiesce in its further application to the territory acquired by the United States from Mexico. But this proposition was successfully resisted by the representatives of the Northern States, who, regardless of the statute line, insisted upon applying restriction to the new territory generally, whether lying north or south of it, thereby repealing it as a legislative compromise, and, on the part of the North, persistently violating the compact, if compact there was.

Thereupon this enactment ceased to have binding virtue in any sense, whether as respects the North or the South; and so in effect it was treated on the occasion of the admission of the State of California, and the organization of the Territories of New-Mexico, Utah and Washington.

Such was the state of this question, when the time arrived for the organization of the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. In the progress of constitutional inquiry and reflection, it had now at length come to be seen clearly that Congress does not possess constitutional power to impose restrictions of this character upon any present or future State of the Union. In a long series of decisions, on the fullest argument, and after the most deliberate consideration, the Supreme Court of the United States had finally determined this point, in every form under which the question could arise, whether as affecting public or private rights—in questions of the public domain, of religion, of navigation, and of servitude.

The several States of the Union are, by force of the Constitution, co-equal in domestic legislative power. Congress cannot change a law of domestic relation in the State of Maine; no more can it in the State of Missouri. Any statute which proposes to do this is a mere nullity; it takes away no right, it confers none. It remains on the statute book unrepealed, it remains there only as a monument of error, and a beacon of warning to the legislator and the statesman. To repeal it will be only to remove imperfection from the statutes, without affecting, either in the sense of permission or of prohibition, the action of the States, or of their citizens.

Still, when the nominal restriction of this nature, already a dead letter in law, was in terms repealed by the last Congress, in a clause of the act organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, that repeal was made the occasion of a wide-spread and dangerous agitation.

It was alleged that the original enactment being a compact of perpetual moral obligation, its repeal constituted an odious breach of faith.

An act of Congress, while it remains unrepealed, more especially if it be constitutionally valid in the judgment of those public functionaries whose duty it is to pronounce on that point, is undoubtedly binding on the conscience of each good citizen of the Republic. But in what sense can it be asserted that the enactment in question was invested with perpetuity, and entitled to the respect of a solemn compact? Between whom was the compact? No distinct contending powers of the government, no separate sections of the Union, treating as such, entered into treaty stipulations on the subject. It was a mere clause of an act of Congress, and like any other controverted matter of legislation, received its final shape, and was passed by compromise of the conflicting opinions or sentiments of the members of Congress. But if it had moral authority over men's consciences, to whom did this authority attach? Not to those of the North, who had repeatedly refused to confirm it by extension, and who had zealously striven to establish other and incompatible regulations upon the subject. And if, as it thus appears, the supposed compact had no obligatory force as to the North, of course it could not have had any as to the South, for all such compacts must be mutual and of reciprocal obligation.

It has not unfrequently happened that law-givers, with undue estimation of the value of the law they give, or in the view of imparting to it peculiar strength, make it perpetual in terms; but they cannot thus bind the conscience, the judgment, and the will of those who may succeed them, invested with similar responsibilities, and clothed with equal authority. More careful investigation may prove the law to be unsound in principle. Experience may show it to be imperfect in detail and impracticable in execution. And then, both reason and right combine not merely to justify, but to require its repeal.

The Constitution, supreme as it is over all the departments of the government, legislative, executive, and judicial, is open to amendment by its very terms; and Congress or the States may, in their discretion, propose amendments to it, solemn compact though it in truth is between the sovereign States of the Union. In the present instance, a political enactment, which had ceased to have legal power or authority of any kind, was repealed. The position assumed, that Congress had no moral right to enact such repeal, was strange enough, and singularly so, in view of the fact that the argument came from those who openly refused obedience to existing laws of the land, having the same popular designation and quality as compromise acts—nay, more, who unequivocally disregarded and condemned the most positive and obligatory injunctions of the Constitution itself, and sought, by every means within their reach, to deprive a portion of their fellow-citizens of the equal enjoyment of those rights and privileges guaranteed alike to all by the fundamental compact of our Union.

This argument against the repeal of the statute line in question, was accompanied by another of congenial character, and equally with the former destitute of foundation in reason and truth. It was imputed that the measure originated in the conception of extending the limits of slave labor beyond those previously assigned to it, and that such was its natural as well as intended effect; and these baseless assumptions were made, in the northern States, the ground of unceasing assault upon constitutional right.

The repeal in terms of a statute, which was already obsolete, and also null for unconstitutionality, could have no influence to obstruct or to promote the propagation of conflicting views of political or social institution. When the act organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska was passed, the inherent effect upon that portion of the public domain thus opened to legal settlement, was to admit settlers from all the States of the Union alike, each with his convictions of public policy and private interest, there to found in their discretion, subject to such limitations as the Constitution and acts of Congress might prescribe, new States, hereafter to be admitted into the Union. It was a free field, open alike to all, whether the statute line of assumed restriction were repealed or not. That repeal did not open to free competition of the diverse opinions and domestic institutions a field, which, without such repeal, would have been closed against them: it found that field of competition already opened, in fact and in law. All the repeal did was to relieve the statute-book of an objectionable enactment, unconstitutional in effect, and injurious in terms to a large portion of the States.

Is it the fact, that, in all the unsettled regions of the United States, if emigration be left free to act in this respect for itself, without legal prohibitions on either side, slave-labor will spontaneously go everywhere, in preference to free labor? Is it the fact, that the peculiar domestic institutions of the southern States possess relatively so much of vigor, that, wheresoever an avenue is freely open to all the world, they will penetrate to the exclusion of those of the northern States? Is it the fact, that the former enjoy, compared with the latter, such irresistibly superior vitality, independent of climate, soil, and all other accidental circumstances, as to be able to produce the supposed result, in spite of the assumed moral and natural obstacles to its accomplishment, and of the more numerous population of the northern States?

The argument of those, who advocate the enactment of new laws of restriction, and condemn the repeal of old ones, in effect avers that their particular views of government have no self-extending or self-sustaining power of their own, and will go nowhere unless forced by act of Congress. And if Congress do but pause for a moment in the policy of stern coercion; if it venture to try the experiment of leaving men to judge for themselves what institutions will best suit them; if it be not strained up to perpetual legislative exertion on this point; if Congress proceed thus to act in the very spirit of liberty, it is at once charged with aiming to extend slave labor into all the new Territories of the United States.

Of course, these imputations on the intentions of Congress in this respect, conceived as they were in prejudice, and disseminated in passion, are utterly destitute of any justification in the nature of things, and contrary to all the fundamental doctrines and principles of civil liberty and self-government.

While therefore, in general, the people of the northern States have never, at any time, arrogated for the federal government the power to interfere directly with the domestic condition of persons in the southern States, but on the contrary have disavowed all such intentions, and have shrunk from conspicuous affiliation with those few who pursue their fanatical objects avowedly through the contemplated means of revolutionary change of the government, and with acceptance of the necessary consequences—a civil and servile war—yet many citizens have suffered themselves to be drawn into one evanescent political issue of agitation after another, appertaining to the same set of opinions, and which subsided as rapidly as they arose, when it came to be seen, as it uniformly did, that they were incompatible with the compacts of the Constitution and the existence of the Union. Thus, when the acts of some of the States to nullify the existing extradition law imposed upon Congress the duty of passing a new one, the country was invited by agitators to enter into party organization for its repeal; but that agitation speedily ceased by reason of the impracticability of its object. So, when the statute restriction upon the institutions of new States, by a geographical line, had been repealed, the country was urged to demand its restoration, and that project also died almost with its birth. Then followed the cry of alarm from the North against imputed southern encroachment; which cry sprang in reality from the spirit of revolutionary attack on the domestic institutions of the South, and, after a troubled existence of a few months, has been rebuked by the voice of a patriotic people.

Of this last agitation, one lamentable feature was, that it was carried on at the immediate expense of the peace and happiness of the people of the Territory of Kansas. That was made the battle-field, not so much of opposing factions or interests within itself, as of the conflicting passions of the whole people of the United States. Revolutionary disorder in Kansas had its origin in projects of intervention, deliberately arranged by certain members of that Congress, which enacted the law for the organization of the Territory. And when propagandist colonization of Kansas had thus been undertaken in one section of the Union, for the systematic promotion of its peculiar views of policy, there ensued, as a matter of course, a counter-action with opposite views, in other sections of the Union.

In consequence of these and other incidents, many acts of disorder it is undeniable, have been perpetrated in Kansas, to the occasional interruption, rather than the permanent suspension, of regular government. Aggressive and most reprehensible incursions into the Territory were undertaken, both in the North and the South, and entered it on its northern border by the way of Iowa, as well as on the eastern by way of Missouri; and there has existed within it a state of insurrection against the constituted authorities, not without countenance from inconsiderate persons in each of the great sections of the Union. But the difficulties in that Territory have been extravagantly exaggerated for purposes of political agitation elsewhere. The number and gravity of the acts of violence have been magnified partly by statements entirely untrue, and partly by reiterated accounts of the same rumors or facts. Thus the Territory has been seemingly filled with extreme violence, when the whole amount of such acts has not been greater than what occasionally passes before us in single cities to the regret of all good citizens, but without being regarded as of general or permanent political consequence.

Imputed irregularities in the elections held in Kansas, like occasional irregularities of the same description in the States, were beyond the sphere of action of the Executive. But incidents of actual violence or of organized obstruction of law, pertinaciously renewed from time to time, have been met as they occurred, by such means as were available and as the circumstances required; and nothing of this character now remains to affect the general peace of the Union. The attempt of a part of the inhabitants of the Territory to erect a revolutionary government, though sedulously encouraged and supplied with pecuniary aid from active agents of disorder in some of the States, has completely failed. Bodies of armed men, foreign to the Territory, have been prevented from entering or compelled to leave it. Predatory bands, engaged in acts of rapine, under cover of the existing political disturbances, have been arrested or dispersed. And every well disposed person is now enabled once more to devote himself in peace to the pursuits of prosperous industry, for the prosecution of which he undertook to participate in the settlement of the Territory.

It affords me unmingled satisfaction thus to announce the peaceful condition of things in Kansas, especially considering the means to which it was necessary to have recourse for the attainment of the end, namely, the employment of a part of the military force of the United States. The withdrawal of that force from its proper duty of defending the country against foreign foes or the savages of the frontier, to employ it for the suppression of domestic insurrection, is, when the exigency occurs, a matter of the most earnest solicitude. On this occasion of imperative necessity it has been done with the best results, and my satisfaction in the attainment of such results by such means is greatly enhanced by the consideration that, through the wisdom and energy of the present Executive of Kansas and the prudence, firmness and vigilance of the military officers on duty there, tranquility has been restored without one drop of blood having been shed in its accomplishment by the forces of the United States.

The restoration of comparative tranquility in that Territory furnishes the means of observing calmly and appreciating at their just value the events which have occurred there, and the discussions of which the government of the Territory have been the subject.

We perceive that controversy concerning its future domestic institutions was inevitable; that no human prudence, no form of legislation, no wisdom on the part of Congress could have prevented this.

It is idle to suppose that the particular provisions of their organic law were the cause of agitation. Those provisions were but the occasion, or the pretext of an agitation, which was inherent in the nature of things. Congress legislated upon the subject in such terms as were most consonant with the principle of popular sovereignty which underlies our government. It could not have legislated otherwise without doing violence to another great principle of our institutions, the imprescriptible right of equality of the several States.

We perceive, also, that sectional interests and party passions, have been the great impediment to the salutary operation of the organic principles adopted, and the chief cause of the successive disturbances in Kansas. The assumption that, because in the organization of the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas, Congress abstained from imposing restraints upon them to which certain other Territories had been subject, therefore disorders occurred in the latter Territory, is emphatically contradicted by the fact that none have occurred in the former. Those disorders were not the consequence, in Kansas, of the freedom of self-government conceded to that Territory by Congress, but of unjust interference on the part of persons not inhabitants of the Territory.—Such interference, wherever it has exhibited itself, by acts of insurrectionary character, or of obstruction to processes of law, has been repelled or suppressed, by all the means which the Constitution and the laws place in the hands of the Executive.

In those parts of the United States where, by reason of the inflamed state of the public mind, false rumors and misrepresentations have the greatest currency, it has been assumed that it was the duty of the Executive not only to suppress insurrectionary movements in Kansas, but also to see to the regularity of local elections. It needs little argument to show that the President has no such power. All government in the United States rests substantially upon popular election. The freedom of elections is liable to be impaired by the intrusion of unlawful votes, or the exclusion of lawful ones, by improper influences, by violence, or by fraud. But the people of the United States are themselves the all-sufficient guardians of their own rights, and to suppose that they will not remedy, in due season, any such incidents of civil freedom, is to suppose them to have ceased to be capable of self government. The President of the United States has not power to interpose in elections, to see to their freedom, to canvass their votes, or to pass upon their legality in the Territories any more than in the States. If he had such power the government might be republican in form, but it would be a monarchy in fact; and if he had undertaken to exercise it in the case of Kansas, he would have been justly subject to the charge of usurpation, and of violation of the dearest rights of the people of the United States.

Unwise laws, equally with irregularities at elections, are, in periods of great excitement, the occasional incidents of even the freest and best political institutions. But all experience demonstrates that in a country like ours, where the right of self government exists in the completest form, the attempt to remedy unwise legislation by resort to revolution, is totally out of place; inasmuch as existing legal institutions afford more prompt and efficacious means for the redress of wrong.

I confidently trust that now, when the peaceful condition of Kansas affords opportunity for calm reflection and wise legislation, either the legislative assembly of the Territory, or Congress, will see that no act shall remain on its statute-book violative of the provisions of the Constitution, or subversive of the great objects for which that was ordained and established, and will take all other necessary steps to assure to its inhabitants the enjoyment, without obstruction or abridgment, of all the constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities of citizens of the United States, as contemplated by the organic law of the Territory.

Full information in relation to recent events in this Territory will be found in the documents communicated herewith from the Departments of State and War.

I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury for particular information concerning the financial condition of the government, and the various branches of the public service connected with the Treasury Department.

During the last fiscal year the receipts from customs were, for the first time, more than sixty-four million dollars, and from all sources, seventy-three million nine hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars; which, with the balance on hand up to the 1st of July, 1855, made the total resources of the year to amount to ninety-two million eight hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars. The expenditures, including three million dollars in execution of the treaty with Mexico, and excluding sums paid on account of the public debt, amounted to sixty million one hundred and seventy-two thousand four hundred and one dollars; and, including the latter, to seventy-two million nine hundred and forty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-two dollars, the payment on this account having amounted to twelve million seven hundred and seventy-six thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

On the 4th of March, 1853, the amount of the public debt was sixty-nine million one hundred and twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars. There was a subsequent increase of two million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the debt of Texas—making a total of seventy-one million eight hundred and seventy-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars. Of this the sum of forty-five million five hundred and twenty-five thousand three hundred and nineteen dollars, including premium, has been discharged, reducing the debt to thirty million seven hundred and thirty-seven thousand one hundred and twenty-nine dollars; all which might be paid within a year without embarrassing the public service, but being not yet due, and only redeemable at the option of the holder, cannot be pressed to payment by the government.

On examining the expenditures of the last five years, it will be seen that the average, deducting payments on account of the public debt and ten millions paid by treaty to Mexico, has been but about forty-eight million dollars. It is believed that, under an economical administration of the government, the average expenditure for the ensuing five years will not exceed that sum, unless extraordinary occasion for its increase should occur. The acts granting bounty lands will soon have been executed, while the extension of our frontier settlements will cause a continued demand for lands and augmented receipts, probably, from that source. These considerations will justify a reduction of the revenue from customs, so as not to exceed forty-eight or fifty million dollars. I think the exigency for such reduction is imperative, and again urge it upon the consideration of Congress.

The amount of reduction, as well as the manner of effecting it, are questions of great and general interest; it being essential to industrial enterprise and the public prosperity, as well as the dictate of obvious justice, that the burden of taxation be made to rest as equally as possible upon all classes, and all sections and interests of the country.

I have heretofore recommended to your consideration the revision of the revenue laws, prepared under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and also legislation upon some special questions affecting the business of that department, more especially the enactment of a law to punish the abstraction of official books or papers from the files of the government, and requiring all such books and papers and all other public property to be turned over by the out-going officer to his successor; of a law requiring disbursing officers to deposite all public money in the vaults of the treasury or in other legal depositories, where the same are conveniently accessible; and a law to extend existing penal provisions to all persons who may become possessed of public money by deposite or otherwise, or who shall refuse or neglect, on due demand, to pay the same into the treasury. I invite your attention anew to each of these objects.

The army during the past year has been so constantly employed against hostile Indians in various quarters, that it can scarcely be said, with propriety of language, to have been a peace establishment. Its duties have been satisfactorily performed, and we have reason to expect, as a result of the years operations greater security to the frontier inhabitants, than has been hitherto enjoyed. Extensive combinations among the hostile Indians of the Territories of Washington and Oregon at one time threatened the devastation of the newly-formed settlements of that remote portion of the country. From recent information, we are permitted to hope that the energetic and successful operations conducted there will prevent such combinations in future, and secure to those Territories an opportunity to make steady progress in the development of their agricultural and mineral resources.

Legislation has been recommended by me on previous occasions to cure defects in the existing organization, and to increase the efficiency of the army, and further observation has but served to confirm me in the views then expressed, and to enforce on my mind the conviction that such measures are not only proper but necessary.

I have, in addition, to invite the attention of Congress to a change of policy in the distribution of troops, and to the necessity of providing a more rapid increase of the military armament. For details of these and other subjects relating to the army, I refer you to the report of the Secretary of War.

The condition of the navy is not merely satisfactory, but exhibits the most gratifying evidences of increased vigor. As it is comparatively small, it is more important that it should be as complete as possible in all the elements of strength; that it should be efficient in the character of its officers, in the zeal and discipline of its men, in the reliability of its ordnance, and in the capacity of its ships.—In all these various qualities the navy has made great progress within the last few years. The execution of the law of Congress, of February 28, 1855, "to promote the efficiency of the navy," has been attended by the most advantageous results. The law for promoting discipline among the men is found convenient and salutary. The system of granting an honorable discharge to faithful seamen on the expiration of the period of their enlistment, and permitting them to re-enlist after a leave of absence of a few months, without cessation of pay, is highly beneficial in its influence. The apprentice system recently adopted is evidently destined to incorporate into the service a large number of our countrymen hitherto so difficult to procure. Several hundred American boys are now on a three years' cruise in our national vessels, and will return well-trained seamen. In the ordnance department there is a decided and gratifying indication of progress creditable to it and to the country. The suggestions of the Secretary of the Navy, in regard to further improvement in that branch of the service, I commend to your favorable action.

The new frigates ordered by Congress are now afloat, and two of them in active service. They are superior models of naval architecture, and with their formidable battery add largely to public strength and security.

I concur in the views expressed by the Secretary of the Department in favor of a still further increase of our naval force.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior presents facts and views in relation to internal affairs over which the supervision of his department extends, of much interest and importance.

The aggregate sales of the public lands, during the last fiscal year, amount to nine million two hundred and twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight acres; for which has been received the sum of eight million eight hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred and fourteen dollars. During the same period there have been located, with military scrip and land warrants, and for other purposes, thirty million one hundred thousand two hundred and thirty acres, thus making a total aggregate of thirty-nine million three hundred and twenty-eight thousand one hundred and eight acres. On the 30th of September last, surveys had been made of sixteen million eight hundred and seventy-three thousand six hundred and ninety-nine acres, a large proportion of which is ready for market.

The suggestions in this report in regard to the complication and progressive expansion of the business of the different bureaux of the department; to the pension system; to the colonization of Indian tribes, and the recommendations in relation to various improvements in the District of Columbia, are especially commended to your consideration.

The report of the Postmaster General presents fully the condition of that department of the government. Its expenditures for the last fiscal year, were ten million four hundred and seven thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars; and its gross receipts seven million six hundred and twenty thousand eight hundred and one dollars—making an excess of expenditure over receipts of two million seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand and forty-six dollars. The deficiency of this department is thus seven hundred and forty-four thousand dollars greater than for the year ending June 30, 1855. Of this deficiency, three hundred and thirty thousand dollars is to be attributed to the additional compensation allowed postmasters by the act of Congress of June 22, 1854. The mail facilities in every part of the country have been very much increased in that period, and the large addition of railroad service, amounting to seven thousand nine hundred and eight miles, has added largely to the cost of transportation.

The inconsiderable augmentation of the income of the Post Office Department under the reduced rates of postage, and its increasing expenditures, must, for the present, make it dependent to some extent upon the treasury for support. The recommendations of the Postmaster General, in relation to the abolition of the franking privilege, and his views on the establishment of mail steamship lines, deserve the consideration of Congress. I also call the special attention of Congress to the statement of the Postmaster General respecting the sums now paid for the transportation of mails to the Panama Railroad Company, and commend to their early and favorable consideration the suggestions of that officer in relation to new contracts for mail transportation upon that route, and also upon the Tehuantepec and Nicaragua routes.

The United States continue in the enjoyment of amicable relations with all foreign powers.

When my last annual message was transmitted to Congress, two subjects of controversy, one relating to the enlistment of soldiers in this country for foreign service, and the other to Central America, threatened to disturb good understanding between the United States and Great Britain. Of the progress and termination of the former question you were informed at the time; and the other is now in the way of satisfactory adjustment.

The object of the convention between the United States and Great Britain of the 19th of April, 1850, was to secure, for the benefit of all nations, the neutrality and the common use of any transit way, or interoceanic communication, across the isthmus of Panama, which might be opened within the limits of Central America. The pretension subsequently asserted by Great Britain, to dominion or control over territories, in or near two of the routes, those of Nicaragua and Honduras, were deemed by the United States, not merely incompatible with the main object of the treaty, but opposed even to its express stipulations. Occasion of controversy on this point has been removed by an additional treaty, which our minister at London has concluded, and which will be immediately submitted to the Senate for its consideration. Should the proposed supplemental arrangement be concurred in by all the parties to be affected by it, the objects contemplated by the original convention will have been fully attained.

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain, of the 5th of June, 1854, which went into effective operation in 1855, put an end to causes of irritation between the two countries, by securing to the United States the right of fishery on the coast of the British North American provinces, with advantages equal to those enjoyed by British subjects. Besides the signal benefits of this treaty to a large class of our citizens engaged in a pursuit connected to no inconsiderable degree with our national prosperity and strength, it has had a favorable effect upon other interests in the provision it made for reciprocal freedom of trade between the United States and the British provinces in America.

The exports of domestic articles to those provinces during the last year amounted to more than twenty-two millions of dollars, exceeding those of the preceding year by nearly seven millions of dollars; and the imports therefrom, during the same period, amounted to more than twenty-one millions,—an increase of six millions upon those of the previous year.

The improved condition of this branch of our commerce is mainly attributable to the above mentioned treaty.

Provision was made, in the first article of that treaty, for a commission to designate the mouths of rivers to which the common fishery, on the coast of the United States and the British Provinces, was not to extend. This commission has been employed a part of two seasons, but without much progress in accomplishing the object for which it was instituted, in consequence of a serious difference of opinion between the commissioners, not only as to the precise point where the rivers terminate, but in many instances as to what constitutes a river. These difficulties, however, may be overcome by a resort to the umpirage provided for by the treaty.

The efforts perseveringly prosecuted since the commencement of my administration, to relieve our trade to the Baltic from the exaction of sound dues by Denmark, have not yet been attended with success. Other governments have also sought to obtain a like relief to their commerce, and Denmark was thus induced to propose an arrangement to all the European Powers interested in the subject; and the manner in which her proposition was received, warranting her to believe that a satisfactory arrangement with them could soon be concluded, she made a strong appeal to this government for temporary suspension of definite action on its part, in consideration of the embarrassment which might result to her European negotiations by an immediate adjustment of the question with the United States. This request has been acceded to, upon the condition that the sums collected after the 16th of June last, and until the 16th of June next, from vessels and cargoes belonging to our merchants, are to be considered as paid under protest and subject to future adjustment. There is reason to believe that an arrangement, between Denmark and the maritime powers of Europe on the subject, will be soon concluded, and that the pending negotiation with the United States may then be resumed and terminated in a satisfactory manner.

With Spain no new difficulties have arisen, nor has much progress been made in the adjustment of pending ones.

Negotiations entered into for the purpose of relieving our commercial intercourse with the Island of Cuba of some of its burdens, and providing for the more speedy settlement of local disputes growing out of that intercourse, have not yet been attended with any results.

Soon after the commencement of the late war in Europe, this government submitted to the consideration of all maritime nations, two principles for the security of neutral commerce: one, that the neutral flag should cover enemies' goods, except articles contraband of war; and the other, that neutral property on board merchant vessels of belligerents should be exempt from confiscation, with the exception of contraband articles. These were not presented as new rules of international law; having been generally claimed by neutrals, though not always admitted by belligerents. One of the parties to the war—Russia—as well as several neutral powers, promptly acceded to these propositions; and the two other principal belligerents, Great Britain and France, having consented to observe them for the present occasion, a favorable opportunity seemed to be presented for obtaining a general recognition of them both in Europe and America.

But Great Britain and France, in common with most of the states of Europe, while forbearing to reject, did not affirmatively act upon the overtures of the United States.

While the question was in this position, the representatives of Russia, France, Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, Sardinia, and Turkey, assembled at Paris, took into consideration the subject of maratime rights, and put forth a declaration containing the two principles which this government had submitted, nearly two years before, to the consideration of maratime powers, and adding thereto the following propositions: "Privateering is and remains abolished," and "Blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective, that is to say, maintained by a force, sufficient really, to prevent access to the coast of the enemy;" and to the declaration thus composed of four points, two of which had already been proposed by the United States, this government has been invited to accede by all the powers represented at Paris, except Great Britain and Turkey. To the last of the two additional propositions—that in relation to blockades—there can certainly be no objection. It is merely the definition of what shall constitute the effectual investment of a blockaded place, a definition for which this government has always contended, claiming indemnity for losses where a practical violation of the rule thus defined has been injurious to our commerce.

As to the remaining article of the declaration of the conference of Paris, "that privateering is and remains abolished,"—I certainly cannot ascribe to the powers represented in the conference of Paris, any but liberal and philanthropic views in the attempt to change the unquestionable rule of maritime law in regard to privateering. Their proposition was doubtless intended to imply approval of the principle that private property upon the ocean, although it might belong to the citizens of a belligerent State, should be exempted from capture; and had that proposition been so framed as to give full effect to the principle, it would have received my ready assent on behalf of the United States. But the measure proposed is inadequate to that purpose. It is true that if adopted, private property upon the ocean would be withdrawn from one mode of plunder, but left exposed, meanwhile, to another mode, which could be used with increased effectiveness. The aggressive capacity of great naval powers would be thereby augmented, while the defensive ability of others would be reduced. Though the surrender of the means of prosecuting hostilities by employing privateers, as proposed by the conference of Paris, is mutual in terms, yet, in practical effect, it would be the relinquishment of a right of little value to one class of States, but of essential importance to another and a far larger class. It ought not to have been anticipated that a measure, so inadequate to the accomplishment of the proposed object, and so unequal in its operation, would receive the assent of all maritime powers. Private property would be still left to the depredations of the public armed cruisers.

I have expressed a readiness on the part of this government, to accede to all the principles contained in the declaration of the conference of Paris, provided that relating to the abandonment of privateering can be so amended as to effect the object for which, as is presumed, it was intended, the immunity of private property on the ocean from hostile capture. To effect this object, it is proposed to add to the declaration that "privateering is and remains abolished," the following amendment: "And that the private property of subjects and citizens of a belligerent on the high seas, shall be exempt from seizure by the public armed vessels of the other belligerents, except it be contraband." This amendment has been presented not only to the powers which have asked our assent to the declaration to abolish privateering, but to all other maritime states. Thus far it has not been rejected by any, and is favorably entertained by all which have made any communication in reply.

Several of the governments, regarding with favor the proposition of the United States, have delayed definitive action upon it, only for the purpose of consulting with others, parties to the conference of Paris. I have the satisfaction of stating, however, that the Emperor of Russia has entirely and explicitly approved of that modification, and will co-operate in endeavoring to obtain the assent of other powers; and that assurances of a similar purport have been received in relation to the disposition of the Emperor of the French.

The present aspect of this important subject allows us to cherish the hope that a principle so humane in its character, so just and equal in its operation, so essential to the prosperity of commercial nations, and so consonant to the sentiments of this enlightened period of the world, will command the approbation of all maritime powers, and thus be incorporated into the code of international law.

My views on the subject are more fully set forth in the reply of the Secretary of State, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, to the communications on the subject made to this government, especially to the communication of France.

The government of the United States has at all times regarded with friendly interest the other States of America, formerly, like this country, European colonies, and now independent members of the great family of nations. But the unsettled condition of some of them, distracted by frequent revolutions, and thus incapable of regular and firm internal administration, has tended to embarr

The imposition of it, however, would obviously contravene our treaty with New Granada, and infringe the contract of that republic with the Panama Railroad Company. The law providing for this tax was, by its terms, to take effect on the first of September last, but the local authorities on the isthmus have been induced to suspend its execution, and to await further instructions on the subject from the government of the republic. I am not yet advised of the determination of that government. If a measure so extraordinary in its character, and so clearly contrary to treaty stipulations, and the contract rights of the Panama Railroad Company, composed mostly of American citizens, should be persisted in, it will be the duty of the United States to resist its execution.

I regret exceedingly that occasion exists to invite your attention to a subject of still graver import in our relations with the Republic of New Granada. On the fifteenth day of April last, a riotous assemblage of the inhabitants of Panama committed a violent and outrageous attack on the premises of the railroad company, and the passengers and other persons in or near the same, involving the death of several citizens of the United States, the pillage of many others, and the destruction of a large amount of property belonging to the railroad company. I caused full investigation of that event to be made, and the result shows satisfactorily that complete responsibility for what occurred attaches to the government of New Granada. I have, therefore, demanded of that government that the perpetrators of the wrongs in question should be punished; that provision should be made for the families of citizens of the United States who were killed, with full indemnity for the property pillaged or destroyed.

The present condition of the Isthmus of Panama, in so far as regards the security of persons and property passing over it, requires serious consideration. Recent incidents tend to show that the local authorities cannot be relied on to maintain the public peace of Panama, and there is just ground for apprehension that a portion of the inhabitants are meditating further outrages, without adequate measures for the security and protection of persons or property having been taken, either by the State of Panama, or by the general government of New Granada.

Under the guaranties of treaty, citizens of the United States have, by the outlay of several millions of dollars, constructed a railroad across the Isthmus, and it has become the main route between our Atlantic and Pacific possessions, over which multitudes of our citizens and a vast amount of property are constantly passing—to the security and protection of all which, and the continuance of the public advantages involved, it is impossible for the government of the United States to be indifferent.

I have deemed the danger of the recurrence of scenes of lawless violence in this quarter so imminent as to make it my duty to station a part of our naval force in the harbors of Panama and Aspinwall, in order to protect the persons and property of the citizens of the United States in those ports, and to insure to them safe passage across the Isthmus. And it would, in my judgment, be unwise to withdraw the naval force now in those ports, until, by the spontaneous action of the republic of New Granada, or otherwise, some adequate arrangement shall have been made for the protection and security of a line of interoceanic communication so important at this time, not to the United States only, but to all other maritime States both of Europe and America.

Mesnwhile, negotiations have been instituted by means of a special commission, to obtain from New Granada full indemnity for injuries sustained by our citizens on the Isthmus, and satisfactory security for the general interests of the United States.

In addressing to you my last annual message, the occasion seems to me an appropriate one to express my congratulations in view of the peace, greatness, and felicity which the United States now possess and enjoy. To point you to the state of the various departments of the government, and of all the great branches of the public service, civil and military, in order to speak of the intelligence and the integrity which pervades the whole, would be to indicate but imperfectly the administrative condition of the country, and the beneficial effects of that on the general welfare.

Nor would it suffice to say that the nation is actually at peace at home and abroad; that its industrial interests are prosperous; that the canvas of its mariners whitens every sea; and the plough of its husbandmen is marching steadily onward to the bloodless conquest of the continent; that cities and populous States are springing up, as if by enchantment, from the bosom of our western wilds, and that the courageous energy of our people is making of these United States the great republic of the world. These results have not been attained without passing through trials and perils, by experience of which, and thus only, nations can harden into manhood.

Our forefathers were trained to the wisdom which conceived, and the courage which achieved independence, by the circumstances which surrounded them, and they were thus made capable of the creation of the republic. It devolved on the next generation to consolidate the work of the revolution, to deliver the country entirely from the influences of conflicting transatlantic partialities or antipathies, which attached to our colonial and revolutionary history, and to organize the practical operation of the constitutional and legal institutions of the Union. To us, of this generation, remains the not less noble task of maintaining and extending the power of the United States.

We have, at length, reached that stage of the national career, in which the dangers to be encountered, and the exertions to be made, are the incidents, not of weakness, but of strength. In our foreign relations we have to attemper our power to the less happy condition of other republics in America, and to place ourselves in the calmness and conscious dignity of right by the side of the greatest and wealthiest of the empires of Europe. In our domestic relations, we have to guard against the shock of the discontents, the ambitions, the interests, and the exuberant, and, therefore, sometimes irregular impulses of opinion, or of action, which are the natural product of the present political elevation, the self-reliance and the restless spirit of enterprise of the people of the United States.

I shall prepare to surrender the Executive trust to my successor, and retire to private life with sentiments of profound gratitude to the good Providence which, during the period of my administration, has vouchsafed to carry the country through many difficulties, domestic and foreign, and to enable me to contemplate the spectacle of amicable and respectful relations between ours and all other governments, and the establishment of constitutional order and tranquility throughout the Union.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December* 2, 1856.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS.—To no man, says the N. O. Delta, does the country, and particularly the South owe a deeper debt of gratitude for the glorious victory we have achieved, than to him of Illinois, whose name heads this article.

The acknowledged champion and leader of the great principle for which we were contending, he was made the peculiar mark for the shafts of the opposition, which were freely launched at him, charged with an amount of bitterness and venom unparalleled in the history of any former campaign. Indeed, so high was his position, so formidable his talents, and so marked and commanding his influence, that after the defeat of Buchanan, his ruin was the next great work to be accomplished; and the history of the past few months well attests the fact that to this end they have labored—with a perseverance that in a virtuous cause would have deserved the highest success.

And even at the South—the clime of freemen, and the home of brave and chivalrous men—has the torch of proscription been raised against the fearless advocate of our Constitutional rights. Against those who have done this wrong we have nothing to say. The heat of party conflict is over, and no mortification can be so great, or punishment so severe to them as their own feelings, in view of the decided, unanimous and unmistakable verdict pronounced against them, their principles and acts, by a jury composed of millions of freemen.

The above thoughts have been suggested by the news brought us by telegraph, that Illinois, true to her instincts has rolled back the tide of fanaticism, that so lately threatened to crush her idol and disgrace her character.

A GOOD DENTIST.—Good dentists are rare. Merely fashionable ones are abundant; and such as make up in ostentatious show for deficiencies in professional knowledge may be encountered in every respectable street. Then, again there are scientific charlatans who use their victims for experimental purposes, and, however well paid, never seem satisfied unless they can develop some new fact, or propound some new theory through the instrumentality of those with whose sufferings they tamper, or, with whose wants they temporize. But a good, sound, will informed, gentlemanly, practical dentist; a man of enlarged sympathies and ready skill; a man of urbane manner, prepossessing conversation, and yet of through professional aptitude and learning; a man of unimpeachable name, both in his practice and out of it, is the kind of person seldom to be met with in the catalogue of New York dentistry, and when discovered is entitled to heartfelt remembrance. We know of one gentleman, and have known him for several years, who comes fully up to all this detail of praiseworthy characteristics, and that is Dr. Dalrymple, of No. 19 Bond street. We speak from personal experience when we allude to the ease, grace, and feeling manner in which he accomplishes the more painful duties of his profession, and the skilful tact and finished experience he exhibits in the more light and ornamental. He indulges in no senseless affectation and no idle flourish of language and instruments. He deals in none of the mysterious manipulations of quackery. On the contrary, he is a straight-forward, sensible gentleman, who perfectly understands his business, and takes a pride in doubt it in a manner creditable at once to himself and his art. He treats those who place their confidence in him, in an honorable and just manner. He ingenuously explains the facts, gives his candid advice, and then seeks, as far as practicable, to meet their wishes and complete his work in the best and most substantial manner. At the same time he is truly courteous and obliging; amiable without sycophancy; kind without being obtrusive; independent without being rude, and firm without being unreasonable. Dr. Dalrymple does good, solid, and withal handsome work. Take our word for it.

N. Y. Sunday Times.

The Standard.

RALEIGH, SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1856.

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Electoral College of North-Carolina.

On Wednesday, the 3d instant, the Electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, assembled in the Senate chamber of the capitol, in Raleigh. The following gentlemen, being the whole number of Electors, were present:

For the State at Large:
Henry M. Shaw, of Currituck,
Samuel P. Hill, of Caswell.

Districts:

1st	District,	Wm. F. Martin, of Pasquotank,
2nd	"	W. J. Blow, of Pitt,
3rd	"	M. B. Smith, of New Hanover,
4th	"	Gaston H. Wilder, of Wake,
5th	"	S. E. Williams, of Alamance,
6th	"	Thos. Settle, Jr., of Rockingham,
7th	"	R. P. Waring, of Mecklenburg,
8th	"	W. W. Avery, of Burke.

On motion of Mr. Blow, Samuel P. Hill, of Caswell County, was appointed to preside over the College; who, being conducted to the Chair, returned his thanks for the honor in the following address:

Electors for the State of North-Carolina:

I thank you for the honor conferred of selecting me to preside over your deliberations.

We have assembled to discharge the highest and most impressive duty known or performed, for a sovereign State, by any of her citizens—to vote for a ruler over this confederacy, in place of him who now occupies that place, and whose setting sun is as lustrous as its rising, and whose future life will be looked to by the citizens of the Union with interest and affection.

By the requirements of the federal constitution, it is imperative that some one be selected to whom shall be transferred the power of executing the laws of the land. The manner in which this duty is discharged by us, presents a striking contrast to the course pursued by other nations in attaining the like result. Nothing to intimidate us, no scene of violence before us, but calmly and quietly in this small chamber, surrounded by the people and their representatives, we assist to take one from the walks of private life, and place him in a position than which none is more honorable among the sons of men. Nor does this change produce a derangement of the social system or a destruction of the machinery of the government. On the contrary, the laws will be as effective, the citizen as secure in all of his rights, and property of all its protection, as if our action to-day was ordinary in its character and limited in its results. Yet, it is of a magnitude to be weighed in no earthly balances, and of a value assignable by no human calculus. Fanatics hostile to one section of the Union, have disturbed the quiet harmony and sisterly affection heretofore entwining the States together, and have proceeded to that fearful extent, that many good men were almost prepared to lift aside the dark veil of disunion and see what lay beyond. Let us trust that our action to-day will aid in arresting, at least for a season, the fiery flood of fanaticism, instill courage into the weak, and give quiet and high hopes to the heart of the patriot, that one further step is taken for the preservation of the Union.

Nor is it an insignificant cause of congratulation that other States have come to the rescue when danger was abroad in the land, and forebodings as to the future safety of the republic were stealing slowly but surely over the hearts of the people; while, on the contrary, it is a matter of profound sorrow, that other States seem to have forgotten the obligations they owed the South, the interests we have in common, the glories and traditions of our forefathers, and above all, the requirements of the constitution.

But let us humbly hope that the Great Author of all Good will incline the hearts of the people of these States to do that which is right and refrain from that which is wrong, and thereby preserve a republic upon whose preservation hangs the happiness and prosperity of an intelligent and great nation.

Mr. Settle moved that, for the further organization of the College, Quent. Busbee, of the City of Raleigh, be requested to act as their Secretary.

A communication from his Excellency Gov. Bragg was then read, after which,

Mr. Shaw moved that the College proceed to vote by ballot for President of the United States, and he nominated therefor JAMES BUCHANAN, of Pennsylvania. The ten votes of the State were then cast for James Buchanan, under the superintendence of Messrs. Williams and Waring, tellers.

Upon this result being announced,

Mr. Avery moved that the College proceed to vote for Vice President of the United States, and he nominated therefor JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky. The ten votes of the State were then cast for John C. Breckinridge, the same gentlemen acting as tellers.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, a committee of two was appointed to superintend the signing, sealing, and directing the certificates of the votes—Messrs. Shaw and Avery composed the committee.

Edward G. Haywood, of the City of Raleigh, on motion of Mr. Wilder, was appointed messenger to take charge of and deliver the list of votes to the President of the United States' Senate, in Washington.

Mr. Avery offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Electoral College of North-Carolina, on behalf of the Democratic voters in this State, tender to Gen. Franklin Pierce, President of the United States, their grateful acknowledgments for the signal devotion to the constitutional rights of all the States of the Union, exhibited by him, during his entire administration of the affairs of the general government.

Resolved further, That the President will carry with him, when he retires from his present position, the sincere wish of every patriotic heart in the republic, that the close of his life may be as serene and blissful, as his career as President, has been triumphant and prosperous.

The College then took a recess until half-past 3 o'clock; at which time the Electors reassembled, when Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported the certificates as ready for signing. The same were then signed, and one copy thereof delivered to the messenger, with instructions.

Mr. Martin introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Electoral College are herewith tendered to the Senate, for the use of their chamber.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Electors are likewise tendered to the President and Secretary for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged the duties of the various positions assigned them.

The College then adjourned.

The occasion was one of deep interest, a large number of persons being present. The action of the College was marked by much dignity of manner.—When the names of BUCHANAN and BRECKINRIDGE were announced, there was general and enthusiastic applause among the spectators.

Mr. Avery, upon offering the Resolutions in relation to FRANKLIN PIERCE, spoke for some minutes with much animation and eloquence. His remarks, and the Resolutions, met a cordial response in the hearts of all present.

The Oak-City Guards' Lectures.

This praiseworthy undertaking, on the part of the gentlemen composing this fine volunteer corps, to enliven these law-fabricating times with something substantial in the way of general literature and science, was responded to, we are glad to announce, by a large and intelligent auditory, on Monday evening last.

The first Lecture of the series was delivered on that occasion, in the Hall of the House of Commons (the use of which was generously granted for that purpose by the Legislature,) by the distinguished President of our University, Hon. David L. Swain, LL. D. The subject of the lecture was the "Geographical and Physical History of North Carolina;" and Gov. Swain's treatment of it was universally commended. For ourself we must say that a more interesting and instructive discourse we never listened to. Gov. Swain has been for many years engaged in giving to the "airy nothingness" of the early history of our State "a local habitation and a name;" and his effort of Monday night proves him competent to the undertaking. We regret that the crowded state of our columns will not admit of a more extended notice.

The next lecture, we understand, will shortly be delivered by Prof. Hubbard, who will be followed by other distinguished gentlemen. We would suggest that these Lectures be given semi-monthly instead of monthly, at least during the session of the Legislature. At this season, there is always a large influx of visitors in our City, who would cheerfully patronize them—offered as they are at half the charge for admittance invariably made elsewhere.—Lectures of the description indicated are a novel and untried experiment with us, and the commencement is very satisfactory.

The President's Message.

The message of the President to the two Houses of Congress, which appears in our paper to-day, will be read by all.

We have no space to make an extended notice of it—nor is it at all necessary. It is a document in every respect worthy of Franklin Pierce, and of the great office which he so nobly fills.

Those portions of it which relate to domestic affairs, and especially to the question of slavery, and Kansas, will be cordially and heartily approved by every patriotic and fair-minded citizen in the Union.

☞ Mr. Masten, of Forsyth, was confined to his room by sickness at the time the Free Suffrage bill passed its first reading in the Commons. Mr. Masten would, of course, have voted for the bill had he been present.

☞ We regret to state that A. L. Chesson, Esq., the Senator from Martin and Washington, has been confined to his room for several days by sickness.—His friends indulge the hope that he will soon be able to resume his seat in the Senate.

SALE OF BOOKS.—Attention is invited to the sale of books, by Mr. Auctioneer Litchford, in our paper to-day.

Thirty-Fourth Congress—Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1856.

The galleries were crowded to-day, and there was a large attendance of members in both houses.

SENATE.—After the usual preliminary business, a joint committee was appointed to wait on the President and inform him of the readiness of Congress to receive any message. The Senate adjourned early.

HOUSE.—As soon as the House had been called to order, Mr. Phelps presented the credentials of Mr. Whitfield of Kansas, asking that he be sworn in as a member. Mr. Grow objected, contending that the Kansas election was illegal, the election being in violation of the constitution and organic law. Mr. Phelps contended that Mr. Whitfield was entitled to admission as he presented prima facie evidence of his election, and there was no one here who could contest his right to the seat. He hoped the credentials would not be referred to the committee of elections, on whose report the House could not act with justice.

The question was put on the motion to admit Mr. Whitfield and decided in the negative by seven majority. Mr. Grow moved to reconsider the vote, and then to table his motion. The friends of Mr. Whitfield commenced a parliamentary struggle to stave off a vote until the arrival of absentees, by unsuccessful motions to adjourn, &c., which motions were decided by yeas and nays. The House is still in session.

Pending the discussion of Mr. Grow's motion, the committee appointed to wait on the President reported that the President would transmit his annual message to-morrow. The then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

SENATE.—The President's Message was received, read, and a discussion ensued upon its merits, lasting until 4 o'clock, at which hour the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—The president's Message was received, but not read, on account of the resumption of the Whitfield election case, which was discussed until the House adjourned, without settling the question.

Secretary of Navy's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The report of the Secretary of the Navy gives a detailed account of the operations during the year, and its present strength. Among his recommendations are some for another squadron in the Pacific; for the adoption of the English and French system of gunnery on practice in ships, and for the dispatch of a small steamer to survey the guano Islands, on which Commodore Mervine had made an unsatisfactory report. It also recommends the building of steam sloops of war of small draft. The sending out of seamen to relieve distant crew, is spoken of as an experiment, and it will be continued if it be found to work well.

The Postmaster General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Postmaster General's Report recommends the abolition of the franking privilege, and making all free matter pay half rates. He also recommends the reduction of pay to the Panama R. R. Company a sum not exceeding $50,000 per annum. Also, he recommends the establishment of a weekly mail service to San Francisco, either by the Nicaraguan or the Tehuantepec routes alternating with the Panama route. The cost of this new service not to exceed $300,000 per annum.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

MONDAY, 1st Dec., 1856.

Mr. McDiarmid proposed the names of a number of citizens of Harnett, as suitable persons for justices of the peace of said county, which proposition was concurred in by the Senate, and the names sent to the House of Commons for its concurrence.

Leave of absence granted the Senators from Person, and Halifax, and Pasquotank and Perquimons, and Moore and Montgomery, for a specified time.

Mr. Brogden, from the committee on claims, reported the resolution in favor of Quentin Busbee, which passed its second reading; and on motion of Mr. Wilder, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its third reading.

Mr. Brogden, from same committee, reported a bill in favor of Thos. Diggs, former sheriff of Anson county, which passed second and third readings.

Mr. Boyd introduced a resolution instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to insolvent debtors.

Mr. Dockery introduced a bill to amend 1st sec. 28th ch. revised statutes.

Mr. Rives, a bill to give courts of law jurisdiction over sales of land in certain cases.

Mr. Holmes, a bill to provide for certain rivers in Sampson county. Referred to committee on internal improvements, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, a bill to incorporate the Nantahala land and mining company. Referred to committee on corporations, and ordered to be printed.

The resolution relative to the purchase of a flag, was read second time; and, on motion of Mr. Coleman, amended by referring the purchasing thereof to a select committee of three, on the part of the Senate, who shall adopt suitable emblems and devices. Laid on the table.

Engrossed bill relative to town of Wilmington, read 2d time and laid on the table.

Bill to complete the Fayetteville and Albemarle plankroad. Read 2d time and laid on the table.

Bill relative to gaming, read 3d time and passed.

Bill authorizing the securities of late sheriff of Hertford to collect arrears of taxes, passed its 3rd reading.

Bill to incorporate the North-Carolina and New York steamship company, read 3d time, and laid on the table.

Bill to pay jurors in the counties of Onslow, Jones and Bertie, was amended by adding Mecklenburg; and, on motion of Mr. Clark, recommitted to committee on judiciary, with instructions to report a general law on the subject, if they think it expedient.

Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House met at the usual hour.

Messrs. J. G. Yancey, of Madison, and David Outlaw, of Bertie, were qualified and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Gentry the memorial of the citizens of Ashe in favor of the County of Alleghany was transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Gilliam presented resolutions in favor of Elizabeth Kessom and Joseph Ramsey.

Mr. Humphrey presented a resolution concerning the improvement of capitol square.

Mr. Badham presented a resolution in favor of Sarah Avery.

All the above were referred to appropriate committees.

On motion of Mr. Badham the House appointed half-past one o'clock as the regular hour for adjourning.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the constitution of the State to prevent unjust taxation.

Mr. Reeves introduced a bill to amend the 32d section, 46th chapter revised code.

Mr. Gilliam introduced a bill to extend further protection to estates of married women.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill concerning the duties of Register's of Probates.

Mr. Dills introduced a bill amending certain sections of the revised code concerning agriculture.

Mr. Gilliam introduced a bill concerning ejectments.

Mr. Love introduced a bill to increase the salary of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Davidson introduced a bill for payment of talis jurors in the county of Mecklenburg.

All the above bills were read the first time and referred to appropriate committees.

A bill amending 21st sec., 46th chap. revised code was read the second time and laid on the table.

The following bills and resolutions were read the second time, and the rules being suspended at a late hour of the day, were read the third time and passed:

A bill concerning the notice of protest for bill of exchange.

A resolution in favor of John Foster.

A resolution in favor of Clifton Kuton.

A bill to incorporate the town of Troy, Montgomery county.

A bill incorporating Camden and Pasquotank new cut canal company.

A bill amending 71st section, 34th chapter revised code concerning crimes and punishments.

A bill to amend and consolidate the acts incorporating the Johnston creek turnpike company.

A bill incorporating Holly Springs High School.

The above were ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

A message from the Senate transmitting engrossed bill for better security of costs in cases of ejectment, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Speer the resolution in favor of Thos. Williams, Sheriff of Yadkin, was read.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the name of W. E. Williams, Sheriff of Guilford, was inserted, and the resolution passed its second reading.

A resolution in favor of Martha Speers was read the second time.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a communication from the Hon. D. L. Swain with documents relating to the history of the State, which, on motion of Mr. Bridgers, were transmitted to the Senate with a proposition to print 300 copies.

Another message from the Governor was read transmitting Sheriff's returns of the Governor's election, and stating further legislation respecting Sheriff's returns was necessary.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins the message was transmitted to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins the rules were suspended, and the bills on the Speaker's calender taken up and read the third time.

A motion to lay a bill on the table being made,

Mr. Bridgers, of Edgecombe, having rose to discuss the motion, Mr. Speaker interposed and ruled all debate out of order.

The Speaker remarked that if he were called on to decide this as a new question, according to Parliamentary law, he would not be prepared to rule out discussion. But inasmuch as the practice of legislative bodies in this country has been against this view and especially so the practice of the Senate of the United States where there is no standing rule as there is in the House, the Speaker was constrained to follow a precedent which is so safe and adds so much to the facility of doing business.

A message from the Senate being read, transmitting the names of seven magistrates for the county of Harnett,

After some remarks from Mr. Bethea, the Speaker, (Mr. Settle in the chair,) by leave of the House, made a statement of the affairs in that county. We have not room for his remarks to-day, but they will appear in our next issue.

A resolution in favor of Quentin Busbee was received from the Senate, and the rules being suspended, on motion of Mr. Bledsoe, it was read three times and passed.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, the bill giving courts of law jurisdiction over real estate was indefinitely postponed.

Pending a debate upon the third reading of the resolution in favor of the Sheriff's of Yadkin and Guilford,

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 2, 1856.

Mr. W. R. Myers presented a memorial from a Committee of the Trustees of Davidson College, relative to that institution, which was read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Coleman, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill concerning the peremptory challenge of jurors. [The bill provides for the repeal of a portion of the 33d section of the 35th chapter of revised statutes.]

Mr. Wilder called for the reading of the law as it now exists.

Messrs. Eaton, Gorrell, Wilder and J. W. Thomas opposed the bill, and Messrs. Coleman and Hill advocated its passage.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill its second reading, Mr. Coleman called for the ayes and noes, which resulted as follows:

For the bill—Messrs. Brogden, Coleman, Dillard, Fennell, Gibson, Hill, Holmes, Holt, Houston, J. R. Jones, A. J. Jones, Mills, Rives, W. H. Thomas, White—15.

Against the bill—Messrs. Battle, Bryant, Burges, Cameron, Carr, Cherry, Clark, Dockery, Eaton, Fonville, Gorrell, Grist, Hawkins, McDiarmid, Martin, Miller, W. R. Myers, A. Myers, Ramsay, Sanders, Taylor, J. W. Thomas, Ward, Wilder—24.

Message received from the House of Commons, transmitting the report of Robert A. Hamilton, President of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, with proposition to print. Concurred in.

Message received from the House of Commons, concurring in the nomination of suitable persons for justices of the peace for Harnett county.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the use of the Senate Chamber was granted to the use of the Electoral College, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Mills introduced a report from the Directors, Treasurer and Superintendent of the Institution for the Insane, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyd, from the committee on propositions and grievances, reported the bill to emancipate Sam, a slave, and recommended that it do not pass, which report was concurred in, and the bill did not pass—yeas 13, nays 27.

Message from the House of Commons, transmitting a message from His Excellency, Gov. Bragg, with a report from the Hon. D. L. Swain, Historical Agent of the State, with a proposition to print not concurred in; but, on motion of Mr. Gorrell, a message was sent to the House, proposing to raise a joint select committee of two, on the part of each House, to whom the matter of printing, &c., should be referred.

Mr. Cameron, from Orange, considered this Agency an important matter to North Carolina, and stated to the Senate the fact, that, owing to the unsettled state of affairs between Great Britain and this country, Mr. Swain had not fully carried out the intentions of the resolution of the last Legislature in creating the agency entrusted to him. That difficulty had subsided; and, as much valuable matter relating to the early history of North Carolina existed in the archives of Great Britain, he hoped the time would be extended to Gov. S., who contemplated, in June, to visit England for the purpose of searching said archives. Mr. C., introduced a resolution to extend the time, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Hill, from the select committee to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relative to distribution of the public laws, reported a bill defining the duty of the Secretary of the State in said distribution, which passed its first reading.

Mr. Eaton, from the joint select committee to make arrangements for counting the vote for Governor, reported a resolution, that the two Houses assemble in the Commons Hall, on the 6th inst., at 12 o'clock, for that purpose, &c. Concurred in.

Mr. W. R. Myers, introduced a bill to amend the charter of Davidson College, which was referred to the committee on corporations.

Senate adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House met at the usual hour.

The Speaker presented a report from the President of the Raleigh & Gaston railroad.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, it was sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print.

Mr. Jarvis presented a petition from certain citizens of Currituck county, asking for a prohibition of fire hunting by night. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

A number of petitions and memorials were presented and referred to appropriate committees.

Reports were read from the standing committees, and laid on the table.

Mr. Bethea offered a resolution, authorizing the Governor to procure suitable arms and equipments for the use of cadet military companies. Laid on the table.

The following resolutions were introduced, and appropriately referred:

Mr. Bledsoe, in favor of John Buffaloe, of Wake.

Mr. Mann, in favor of Sam'l Williams and Son, of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Gentry, in favor of Jas. Blevin, of Ashe.

The following bills were introduced, read 1st time, and referred to appropriate committees:

Mr. Blow, a bill in favor of J. A. Brown, of Pitt.

Mr. Bullock, a bill to extend the powers of the Roanoke Valley railroad company.

Mr. Gilliam, a bill concerning fish.

Mr. McIntosh, a bill to charter the York collegiate institute.

Mr. Stubbs, a bill to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Swain.

Mr. Lewis, of Nash, a bill to amend the 40th sec. 99th ch. revised code concerning revenue.

Mr. Mosely, a bill to emancipate certain slaves.

Mr. Erwin, a bill to amend the charter of the Greenville and French Broad railroad company.

Mr. Meares, a bill to repeal 17th sec. 85th ch. revised code.

Mr. Gilliam, a bill to repeal 6th sec. 120th ch. revised code.

Mr. Montgomery, a bill concerning the dividing line between Chatham and Alamance counties.

Dr. Pitchford's bill, making alterations in the law of deeds in trust, was read 2d time

Mr. Ogburn proposed several amendments, which were adopted.

A long debate ensued, which was participated in by Messrs. Pitchford, Jenkins, White of Bladen, Caldwell, Bridgers and Mann.

The bill was finally defeated—yeas 49, nays 58.

Message from the Senate, concerning the Governor's message, transmitting historical documents, was then read. It proposed referring the matter to a joint select committee.

The House receded from its former resolution, and concurred in the Senate's proposition.

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3, 1856.

The Speaker presented a statement of the bank of Fayetteville, which was sent to the House, with a proposition to print.

Mr. McDiarmid introduced a bill, accompanied by a memorial, to amend the charter of the county of Harnett. [The bill provides that the location of the public buildings of the county shall be left to a vote of the people of said county.]

Mr. Boyd, from committee on finance, reported the bill to amend 1st sec. 28th ch. revised statutes, and recommended that it be printed. Agreed to.

Mr. Bryant presented a petition from H. Harris, residing on the top of the blue ridge mountain, in Surry county, praying to become attached to Ashe, for reasons set forth in the petition. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Hill, from judiciary committee, reported the bill, with amendment, to repeal the 11th sec. 28th ch. revised statutes, in relation to the town of Wilmington. Amendment adopted, and the bill passed its 2d reading; and on motion of Mr. Fennell, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its 3d reading.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, from committee on internal improvements, reported bill to incorporate the North-Carolina and Virginia railroad, and recommended its passage. [Road to commence at Salisbury, from thence to Mocksville, and from thence to some point on the Virginia line. No aid asked for from the State.] The bill passed its 2d reading.

Mr. Thomas introduced a bill to incorporate the Trent River and Tuckaho navigation company. Laid on the table.

Message from House, transmitting message from His Excellency, with a memorial from Wm. Patton, architect of State capitol, claiming *more pay* for services. Laid on the table.

Message from House, concurring in the proposition to count vote for Governor, and to print report of the historical agent.

Mr. Gorrell introduced a bill concerning executors and administrators. Referred to judiciary committee.

Mr. McDiarmid introduced a bill to amend an act incorporating the Fayetteville and Western plankroad company. Referred.

Mr. Cherry offered a resolution, authorizing the clerk to purchase one copy of Cooke's new map.—Laid on the table.

Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House met at the usual hour.

Mr. Dancy offered a resolution instructing the finance committee to enquire into the expediency of laying an "*ad valorem*" tax upon billiard tables.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, a resolution was passed authorizing the Speaker to issue his warrant for the election of a member for Franklin county in place of the late Dr. Jeffreys.

Mr. Love presented a resolution in favor of the county court clerk of Haywood.

The following bills were introduced, read the first time and appropriately referred:

Mr. Crump, a bill to incorporate Blackman Lodge.

Mr. Picket, a bill to prohibit the obstruction of fish in the Pee Dee and Yadkin rivers.

Mr. Jones, a bill to amend 114th chapter of the revised code concerning usury. [This bill allows seven per cent to be taken upon special agreement.]

Mr. Tate, a bill to encourage the formation of a military company in the town of Wilmington.

Mr. Whitson, a bill to incorporate a gold mining company in McDowell county.

Mr. Lyon, of Orange, a bill to prevent the felling of timber in Eno river, Orange county.

Mr. Thompson, a bill to amend 29th section, 102d chapter revised code, concerning constable's fees.

Mr. Kelly, a bill to authorize S. S. Biddle to construct a bridge and establish a toll gate on the river Neuse.

Mr. C. N. White, a bill to prevent the sale of liquors within three miles of the Western Carolina male seminary.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a claim from David Patton for further compensation for services rendered at the building of the capitol. Laid on the table and afterwards, on motion of Mr. Jenkins, sent to the Senate.

The Speaker presented a communication from the President of the Bank of Fayetteville. Sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

A message was received from the Senate with a resolution concerning the meeting of both Houses of the General Assembly in the Commons Hall on the 6th inst., to count the votes polled for Governor, which was concurred in.

The following engrossed bills were received from the Senate: A bill concerning gaming; a bill incorporating the North Carolina and New York steamship company; and a bill authorizing the securities of the sheriff of Bertie to collect arrears of taxes.

The bill to establish a new county by the name of Avery was read the second time. A spirited debate ensued.

The bill was opposed by Messrs. Bridgers, Thompson, and White of Bladen, and warmly supported by Mr. Erwin, who addressed the House several times in its favor.

On a division the bill was rejected—yeas 47; nays 63.

On motion of Mr. Scales the House adjourned to give the members an opportunity of attending the meeting of the Electoral College in the Senate chamber.

DIED.

In Chatham county, on the 28th November last, Gera Lane, Esq., a worthy member of the Baptist Church, and for a number of years a worthy citizen of said county.

Also, on the same day, in Chatham county, Mrs. Fanny Lambert, wife of R. Lambert, Esq., leaving a kind husband and affectionate family of children and friends to mourn their irreparable loss. She was a worthy member of the Baptist Church, and died in the full triumphs of faith.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

ON THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER inst, will be sold to the highest bidder, at the late residence of Mrs E. R. Hinton, deceased, all the perishable property, consisting in part of about one hundred head of fat hogs, thirty head of stock hogs, all the stock of cattle, sheep, &c., some twelve head of horses and mules, about one hundred barrels of corn, fodder, shucks, farming tools, with many other articles not mentioned. The sale will continue from day to day until all the property is sold. Terms made known on day of sale.

JNO. W. LEE, } Adm'n'trs.
A. G. LEE. }

Wake Co., Dec. 4, 1856. 5—1d.

AUCTION SALE OF BOOKS.

I WILL SELL, COMMENCING TO-NIGHT, AT my store on Fayetteville street, and continue until the stock is disposed of, an extensive and valuable collection of books, embracing the various departments of Literature, Family and Pocket Bibles, Letter Cap and Bill Paper, Steel Pens, &c., &c. Sale to commence each night at 7 o'clock. The attention of the literary public is respectfully solicited. Sale positive.

J. J. LITCHFORD, Auctioneer.

Dec. 5, 1856. 5—

Bank of the State of North-Carolina.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. ON THE capital stock of this bank for the last six months has been declared this day, payable to the stockholders at the Principal Bank on the first Monday in January next, and at the branches fifteen days thereafter.

C. DEWEY, Cash.

Raleigh, Dec. 2, 1856. 5—tlJ.

NOTICE.—ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY next, I will sell at public auction, in the town of Oxford, the store house and lot formerly owned by S. C. & E. H. Hicks. A credit of six months will be given the purchaser. Bond with approved security, bearing interest from date, will be required, and the title retained until the payment of the purchase money.

R. J. MITCHELL, Trustee.

December 6, 1856. 1162—4d.

A CARD.

IT IS A CONCEDED FACT THAT W. H. WILLIAMS, AGENT, OF RALEIGH, and SCOTT & BALDWIN, of Wilmington, keep the largest and best assortment of Gentlemen's Ready-Made Clothing and Furnishing Goods in North Carolina.

Being directly connected with an establishment that manufactures for eight other large houses, all of which stand reputed as the oldest and best tested houses in their respective States, it is idle to speak of competition by others who may purchase their stocks in New York or elsewhere, when there are none to excel the old and noted firm of Keech & Scott, Newark, N. J.

The agent for the branch at Raleigh need only to apprise those abroad of these facts, that they

[BY AUTHORITY.]

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the First Session of the Thirty-Fourth Congress.

For nineteen of twenty instalments for two smith's establishments, per second article treaty eleventh January, eighteen hundred and thirty nine, two thousand dollars

For interest on sixty nine thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, at five per centum, being the value of fifty-four ecemions of land set apart second January, eighteen hundred and twenty five, for educational purposes, per State resolution nineteenth Jannaro, eigoteen hundred and thirty eight, three thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars

OTTOES AND MISSOURIAS

For second of three instalments, as annuity, in money or otherwise, per fourth article treaty fifteenth March, eighteen hundred and fifty four, twenty thousand dollars

For second of teo instalments for pay of miller, per seventh article treaty fifteenth March, eighteen nundred and fifty four, six hundred dollars

For second of ten instalments for blacksmith and assistant, and iron and steel for shop, per seventh article treaty fifteenth March, eighteen hundred and fifty four, nine hundred and forty dollars

For second of ten instalments for farmer, per seventh article treaty fifteenth Marin, eighteen hundred and fifty-four six hundred dollars

OTTOWAS AND CHIPPEWAS OF MICHIGAN

For permanent annuity in silver, per fourth article treaty third August, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, one thousand dollars

For permanent annuity in silver, per third article treaty thirtieth September, eighteen hundred and nine, five hundred dollars

For permanent annuity in silver, per third article treaty second October, eighteen hundred and eighteen, two thousand five hundred dollars

For permanent annuity in money, per second article treaty twentieth September, eighteen hundred and twenty eight two thousand dollars

For permanent annuity in specie, per second article treaty twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, sixteen thousand dollars

For life annuity to chief, per article treaty twentieth October, eighteen hundred and thirty two, two hundred dollars

For life annuity to chiefs, per third article treaty twenty-sixth September, eighteen hundred and thirty toree, seven hundred dollars

For education during the pleasure of Congress, per third article treaty sixteenth October, eighteen hundred and twenty six second article treaty twentieth September, eighteen hundred and twenty eight, and fourth article treaty twenty-seventh October, eighteen hundred and thirty two, five thousand dollars

For permanent provisions for the payment of money, in lieu of tobacco, iron, and steel, per second article treaty twentieth September, eighteen hundred an t twenty-eight, and tenth article of the treaty of the fifth and seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and forty six, three hundred dollars

For permanent provision for fifty barrels of salt, per second article treaty twenty ninth July, eighteen hundred and twenty nine, two hundred and fifty dollars

For interest on two hundred and ninety six thousand dollars, unpaid part of the principal sum of three hundred and six thousand dollars, for one year, at five per centum per annum, to be distributed per capita, in the usual manner of paying annuities, per second article of the treacy of thirty-first July, eighteen eundred and fifty five, fourteen thousand eight hundred dollurs

For first of ten equal annual instalments, in lieu of former treaty stipulations, to be paid per capita to the Grand River Ottowas, per second article of the treaty of teirty-first July, eighteen hundred and fifty five, toree thousand five hundred dollars. Provided, That no part of the appropriations for the Ottowas and Chippewas of Michigan shall be expended until the assent of said Indians to the Senate amendments to said treaty shall first be obtained

OTTOWAS OF KANSAS

For their proportion of the permanent annuities in money, goods, or otherwise, payable under the fourth article of the treaty of seventeenth August, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, second article of the treaty of seventeenth November, eighteen hundred and seven, fourth article of the treaty of the seventeenth September, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and fourth article of the treaty of twenty-ninth August, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, two thousand six hundred dollars

PAWNEES

For agricultural implements, during the pleasure of the President, per fourth article treaty ninth October, eighteen hundred and thirty three, one thousand dollars

POTTAWATOMIES